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Frank Munro

Wolves, Dundee hail Munro



By
CRAIG
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Frank Munro (right) in action for Juventus, against Martin Chivers, then a guest player with Frankston City.

Frank Munro hung up his boots last Saturday and next month will go to England for five weeks to take part in a testimonial in his honor, organised by First Division giant Wolverhampton Wanderers, the club he served for 10 years.

Munro was told — he won't say by whom — that he and Len McKendry were in the running for the South Melbourne Hellas job earlier this year when the team was struggling under then coach Rale Rasic. Munro is keen to coach and when he returns from England in December, don't be surprised to see him win a major coaching appointment.

Appropriately, Wolves' opponent in Munro's testimonial game is current Scottish League champion, Dundee United, another of Munro's former clubs. The match will be held, probably on a Tuesday night early in November, at Wolves'

Frank Munro made nine appearances for Scotland, starting in 1971 against Northern Ireland and finishing against Romania in 1975.

He's in his 21st year as a player, having started as an apprentice with Chelsea, then playing for home town club Dundee United, Scottish rival Aberdeen, English giant Wolverhampton Wanderers (for 10 seasons), Glasgow, Celtic, South Melbourne Hellas, Juventus (Victoria), Albion Rovers (Vic.) and finally, Hamlyn Rangers (Vic. Metro Fourth Division).

Munro, 36 next month, is married with two teenage sons. He works as a security officer at Essendon airport. He came to Australia in 1979 to join Hellas, switched to Juventus in 1980, Albion in 1981 and Hamlyn Rangers earlier this year.

famous home ground, Molineux.

And for 90 minutes, Munro will be back in the arena he most enjoys — the professional world of English soccer.

"To be honest, I've never enjoyed a single game I've played in Australia. It's so much harder here because you have to push yourself to play well," said Munro.

"Straight after a game with the Wolves, I'd start thinking about who I had to play against the next week. It might be Peter Osgood, or Martin Chivers. And that's all I'd be thinking about throughout the week. I really regret dropping out of professional soccer when I did."

Munro left Wolves after a clash with manager Sammy Chung in the late 1970's. Munro wouldn't elaborate about their argument other than to say that he called Chung a yes-man in front of the other Wolves players. But let's start at the beginning.

As a 15-year-old straight from school, Munro was apprenticed at Chelsea. Tommy Docherty was manager then and Munro stayed with the Docherty family in London. But homesickness got the better of the teenager and he returned to his Dundee home and joined Dundee United.

Munro was a centre forward in those days and his first team debut, against rival Dundee, was stunning. He scored the winner in the big derby match, which United won 3-2.

"I was put into the first team too quick. It went to

my head a bit and I wasn't exactly a good trainer. I was with United for about three seasons, playing over 60 first team games, before switching to Aberdeen.

"Gerry Kerr was the manager of United at the time and I fell out with him. He dropped me and I asked for a transfer."

That transfer fee was \$20,000. But just after joining Aberdeen, Munro learned that Celtic boss Jack Stein was on his way to buy the young striker from Dundee United. Too late. Munro eventually went to Parkhead, just over 10 years later, his stay at Pittodrie lasted a season and a half. Including Cup games he made over 40 appearances for Aberdeen, including a 2-0 loss to Celtic in the final of the 1987 Scottish Cup.

Munro had switched into midfield when he spent nine weeks with Aberdeen in America. The Scottish club played under the name of the Washington Whips and reached the final of a Cup competition. It's opponent was Wolves, representing Los Angeles. That final was an epic two-and-a-half hour battle. At the end of extra time, scores were locked at 5-5. A sudden death format applied and Wolves scored the winner in the 28th minute of sudden death time.

Munro notched a hat-trick in the 6-3 battle, and had come under close scrutiny from the Wolves bosses. He found out just how close, a couple of months later.

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Northcote dark horse for NSL

Northcote hopes to clinch a huge sponsorship deal within the next three weeks and reckons that it is the big dark horse for a start in the 1984 NSL.

"The ASF screening committee" has to start placing much more importance on spectator comfort and geography. Grounds must be easily accessible to a large suburban audience," said Northcote manager-coach Tony Zina.

"Other prospective National League candidates are giving false crowd figures and are talking about already having to spend \$250,000 a year in their respective State Leagues — which just goes to show how poorly administered these clubs are."

Northcote's budget this year won't be much more than \$120,000, of which \$40,000 went to pay off a debt incurred in previous years with the remainder going to player and coaching payments.

Northcote's facilities already are well developed and within two years the Greek-sponsored club will have the best soccer complex in Victoria outside of Olympic Park's No. 1 ground.

The club's home ground, John Cain Reserve, situated just 14 kilometres from the Melbourne city centre, already has an excellent all-seater grandstand. Work started two weeks ago on a huge social club underneath the stand, comprising two separate social areas to accommodate 1,000 people, with bar and kitchen facilities. That's on the basement level. Above that, a gymnasium, manager's office and boardroom will be built. The basement level will be completed before this Christmas and the second storey will be completed late next year.

Concrete terracing on the outer part of the ground should be ready for use next year. The next stage of terracing development, behind both goals, should be completed by 1985.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Todorovski hurt, Campbell going; Croatia, Melita in chase; big chance for Caulfield, Corio; Vojtek, Wests triumph.

A touch of Hitchcock

By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

Sweeper George Todorovski has a hamstring injury and George Campbell will miss the last three games of the season as the men of Preston Makedonia grit their teeth and clench their fists to win the 1983 NSL title and snare a \$1000-a-man bonus.

Having lost 1-3 to Marconi, Makedonia now comes up against Sydney Olympic, whose backbone has been stiffened by new coach Manfred Schaefer, the iron man who has his troops training even on Saturdays to add a bit of brutality to their game.

Newcastle and Sydney Hakoah — even St. George and Hellas — are drooling in the wings, hoping the gullotine falls on Makedonia.

Alfred Hitchcock has reached out from the grave to brighten these final weeks of soccer with his flair for suspense.

Everywhere you look, you find an unexpected twist.

The Campbell business, for example. First Claude Lucchesi, and George McMillan were suspended, and Gary Ward injured. Then Lucchesi went to the U.S. for two weeks. Now news of Campbell's imminent departure on a holiday to Scotland. He did however, tell the club of his plans when he joined from Hellas.

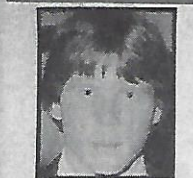
But there's more in other leagues.

Croatia remains hot on the heels of Ajax in the Victorian State League, set to take over at the top should Ajax drop one point to either Hellas this week or Doveton next week.

Sydney is acting out a similar script, involving Croatia and second-placed Melita Eagles.

We go to the Victorian Third Division where Caulfield could yet win the championship even

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Robbie Slater for Forest

Robbie Slater (pictured) of St George will trial with Nottingham Forest in November.

He will spend three months with Forest and if he succeeds, Slater will emulate David Mitchell who now plays for Glasgow Rangers, and Eddie Krncevic who's with Dinamo Zagreb.

Forest chairman Geoff McPherson who recently watched Slater in an NSL match at St George Stadium said: "Even if he fails to win a contract, the experience he will gain by being with Forest under Brian Clough will prove invaluable."

Slater will have no problems gaining a work permit, as he came here as a baby when his parents moved here from Liverpool.

Boral all-stars

The NSL all-star team, according to votes in the Boral "ricks Player of the Year award before last Sunday:

Terry GREEDY (St G. Budapest)	Charlie YANKOS (H'berg Ajax)	Neil BANFIELD (Ad. C. Juventus)	Bugsy NYSKOHUS (Ad. C. Juventus)
Dave SKEEN (St G. Budapest)	Zarko ODZAKOV (Makedonia)	Tommy SERMANNI (Marconi)	Graham HEYS (WA-Hellas)
Alan DAVIDSON (SM-Hellas)	Phil O'CONNOR (Wollongong)		
Danny WRIGHT (Briab. Lions)			

Travel burden lowered for Adelaide, Brisbane clubs

The format of the enlarged and regionalised National Soccer League will be varied to avoid travel between Adelaide and Brisbane.

The present format places West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions in a 12-team southern region, along with eight clubs from Melbourne.

The Adelaide and Brisbane teams are in a sub-group in which they are meant to play against each other.

But the NSL has had second thoughts.

"The costs of travelling between Adelaide and Brisbane are astronomical," NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas said.

"What we're trying to do now is come up with a schedule of matches that avoids Adelaide and Brisbane meeting in normal home and away matches."

This means there probably will be at least one extra match between West Adelaide and Adelaide City, and between Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

The Adelaide teams also would play more often against Victorian teams, and the Brisbane teams probably would play more often against clubs from Sydney.

Pappasavas said that only Sydney and Melbourne teams would be subject to a normal pre-season draw. The match programme for the other clubs would be drawn up by the league.

Applications from clubs to increase the size of the league from 16 to 24 close on October 1, but Pappasavas ruled out the possibility of a third Adelaide club or a club from Perth.

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• Frank Arok

ST. GEORGE coach Frank Arok, speaking about David Ratcliffe:

"He is a born competitor; every fibre of his body strives for a maximum effort. David doesn't know how to relax or get slack during a match. He is just as intense as I am. Even at training he works with 'live ammunition'. When he tackles Marton, Slater or Petkovski, it's a crunching, hard tackle. He doesn't know half-measures. And he curses, hisses and cajoles the others constantly. Ratcliffe wants the same maximum effort from everybody that he is willing to put into a match. And he's a bit of a bastard though a very nice one. Against Adelaide City, after a foul of his, the referee mistakenly cautioned Paul Wilkinson. His best pal Wilkinson just stood there, gaping, too stunned to protest his innocence while David walked away from the scene. He didn't want to add to his penalty tally; he would have done it to his own father. Anything to keep playing and keep winning. How can we even imagine a team without him?"

RATCLIFFE:



By ANDREW DETTRE

The man with steel in his hands and concrete in his boots

If you were searching for a trade to match the character of the immensely powerful, competitive David Ratcliffe, you'd probably settle for "steel fixer," a man who puts reinforced steel in concrete. And he is just that. It'd be difficult to visualise him working in a butter factory, painting toys for a puppet show or other "soft" jobs. David is a hard man at work and at play.

I've seen all the good to excellent central defenders in Australia for some 30 years — and rate Ratcliffe as among the best, with the Joe Marstons, Alan Marinos and Peter Wilsons. Indeed, it's hard to imagine today's St. George defence without this iron man who works with steel and appears to have concrete in his broad, athletic shoulders.

When Frank Arok selected his team against England, his masterstroke was using Ratcliffe as stopper and Charlie Yankos as sweeper. This tandem was largely instrumental in holding the English in bay, limiting them to two goals in three games — one of which was a huge refereeing error. Ratcliffe, facing the elusive, classy Trevor Francis, became one of the heroes of the series — and the villain in the embittered, disappointed English Press. In fact, you'd say he reached his peak.

"No I haven't," he says with a sad smile. "I don't think I'll figure in Les Scheinflug's plans for the future. For some reason he doesn't like me, maybe because of my two bad games against New Zealand earlier. I'd say he'll pick Steve Blair for one spot, probably mine. That's why I haven't even bothered to get naturalised yet. I'd love to play for Australia in the World Cup but I don't think I will. Coaches are like that, you know."

I know. So are journalists, players and fans, everybody involved in the game. One hundred people with 100 different opinions. And Ratcliffe is mature enough to accept this.

David, of course, is English, coming from a small township near Bradford, a few miles from Leeds. His parents still live there and so does a brother. They are all in the butchery business. If David had strayed into it, too, I could see him felling an ox with a single blow to the temple.

He joined Bradford at the age of 16, in 1973, and played there until the end of the 77-78 season when he accepted an offer from Brisbane City. The intermediary was former Australian national coach Brian Green. So David and his bride of three weeks, Andrea, packed their bags and flew into the great unknown.

"Actually, I loved Brisbane — even bought a house there," he says, cautiously eating his calamari in the restaurant. "We had a very competitive team, some good results — and I was king of the castle. Every time you walked on the street half a dozen people greeted you and stopped for a chat. In Sydney nobody knows you and nobody notices you. It's a different kind of place. But I don't regret joining St. George early last year — it's a superb club."

"I realised that Sydney and Melbourne are the two main centres of soccer here and if you want to get anywhere, you'd be better off playing there. At first I said 'no' to the Saints' offer but then changed my mind when Brisbane City was keen to sell me and Wilkie (Paul Wilkinson) in a package deal. They needed the money to pay for their grandstand."

"I'm not better off financially in Sydney than I was in Brisbane — but there are compensations. I made the national team and I can play and train under Frank Arok, easily the most remarkable man in the business."

"You say I'm hard? Well, what about Arok? He's tough, demanding and ruthless — but brilliant. And so competitive, winning is everything to him. Just like me. We're pretty similar in nature, actually, that's why we had a few clashes. If I have something worrying me or want to make a suggestion, I'll say it to Frank, in front of the other players. Isn't it better than running to the boss with tales about the other players behind their backs?"

Ratcliffe, oozing confidence and power on the field, easily given to self-doubts about his own ability, somewhat surprising for such a bright, tough extrovert. He doesn't feel, for instance, that he would have made the English First Division had he stayed there ("there are literally thousands of good players fighting to get in").

He also slams himself for his lack of basic, natural

speed and says he has to make up for this with very sharp anticipation and positioning. As for skills, he is a great admirer of three of his team-mates — Dez Marton, Mark Barton and John O'Shea.

"If I had their skill, I'd be a 10 times better player," he says. "Marton is absolutely superb. At times I get annoyed that he doesn't ever tackle but then I remind myself that it's not really his job: it's mine. Barton can do some incredible things with the ball. Nobody knows, including perhaps himself, how he wriggles through the tightest corridors."

John O'Shea is a great midfielder. He doesn't want to shine but does his job, distributes well and wins the ball. We wouldn't be the same team without him. Or without Robert, his brother. He is a fantastically under-rated fullback, a player's player you can always count on."

Ratcliffe almost had to fight his whole family to become a soccer player. His father wanted him to stick to Rugby League. And he couldn't have been bad at it for at 15 he played for England — against Australia, too — in a schoolboy international. But all this time he kept playing soccer — and eventually dropped all other sports to swear allegiance to the round ball.

"Mainly because in England it's THE sport; all you hear and read is soccer. They're mad about it. Mind you, I don't think England will ever do very well again at international level — there is not enough skill."

"English soccer is blood and thunder; fans want to see the ball played from one end of the field to the other as quickly as possible. It's stamina and courage and commitment, and all that. I guess the island mentality, the martial past of the country, has something to do with it. They fight the matches, not play them. The grounds also have a lot to do with it: you don't worry too much about skills when for months on end you play ankle-deep in mud and slush."

"I've seen hundreds of brilliant young kids being sent packing at club trials because they couldn't have stood up to the rigors of the game. Skilful, talented but small or slim kids, who have all disappeared."

Who'll be new West boss?

Con Kambas, Neil McGachey, Barry Reynolds, Nick Pantells, Evan Dandrakis — who will succeed Alan Vest as coach of West Adelaide Hellas? Or will Doug Collins join Wests if he does not stay with Marconi? All kinds of things are being suggested, but there's no doubt that Vest will leave. He's apparently formed a coaching partnership elsewhere next year? Marconi recently parted company with Heidelberg-Alexander.

Ex-Lions spur Ipswich

Former Brisbane Lions personalities Ron Millman and Matt Carson were instrumental in helping Ipswich United win the Queensland Ampol Cup 2-0 against Mount Gravatt. Millman scored the first goal and set up the second when he played delicate chip to Ken Gordon who was pulled down from behind by Chris Corcoran. Ian Lawrie scored from

the penalty Millman played despite having cracked four ribs against Easts a fortnight earlier. Carson, who coached Millman at Lions, is coach of Ipswich United.

He kept Millman's injury a closely-guarded secret in the weeks before the game, so that the opponents would not know of the forward's handicap.

Muir barred

Former Socceroo Jim Muir was barred by the SA federation from playing for Beograd in the Federation Cup semi-finals last Saturday because he had not played in at least one earlier round, as required under the rules. Muir left Marconi to play for Eastern in Hong Kong, and joined Beograd upon his return recently.

Surgery for Rizzotto?

Marconi left back Joe Rizzotto is out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. He has cracked his left kneecap and probably will require surgery. Rizzotto was one of the stars of the Australian team in the 1983 World Youth Champions in Mexico.

They could have made it in France or Germany but not in England. I don't think this will ever change."

Ratcliffe is not absolutely sure what the future holds for him. One day, he feels, he may return to Brisbane and buy some sort of a business. His present job as a steel fixer, working on construction sites, is a physically demanding one.

"I'll have a talk with Frank Arok soon to sort out my plans. I'd like to stay, especially if he stays."



Socceroo Ratcliffe (right) shadowing England superstar, striker Trevor Francis.

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Abonyi, Kuze, Gardiner in coaching changes?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Attila Abonyi coaching Sydney Croatia in 1984 . . . Josip Kuze coaching Melbourne Croatia . . . John Gardiner coaching Heidelberg Alexander . . .

These are the latest rumors concerning the coaching merry-go-round. And at least one NSL player will be looking for a new club next year — Heidelberg's Juan Toro. The little midfielder has been used by warring minority factions at the club in a battle with no winners, just one loser — Toro. We can't elaborate other than to say we have been told that Toro definitely won't be with Heidelberg next year.

We understand that Sydney Croatia committeeman Tony Basic is an ardent Abonyi fan and is lobbying to get the Canberra Arrows coach to Sydney for next season. And although Melbourne Croatia president Joe Sigur is adamant that no approach has been made to Kuze, the current Sydney Croatia coach, we have been told that a deal between Kuze and Melbourne Croatia is close to completion.

"What absolute rubbish. You've got to be joking," said Sigur. "No approach has been made to Kuze by us. I'm the boss and if I don't speak to prospective coaches, no-one at our club does. I'm very happy with the coaching of John Gardiner. If he keeps going the way he is at present, then he's going to coach us in the National League next year. It's as simple as that."

Compare Sigur's comments with those made to us by Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos:

"We would be very interested in having John Gardiner as our coach. He'll certainly be given very strong consideration for the job."

The plot thickens. And here's a tit-bit for supporters of Victorian State League club Polonia, a candidate for inclusion in the 1984 NSL. A prominent Polonia committeeman told us recently that giant striker Alex Marshall won't be wearing Polonia colors next year. We were told that Marshall is the highest paid player at Polonia but that the person paying the big forward's wages isn't happy with the onfield return he's getting for his outlays.

And earlier this year, when Marshall and Polonia hadn't come to terms over a new contract, Melbourne Croatia wanted to buy him. Could it be possible that we could see Marshall with Croatia next year?

Switch in World Cup format

The International Football Federation (FIFA) is considering two alternative formats for the 1986 world soccer cup finals, says FIFA vice-president Hermann Neuberger.

Neuberger said it seemed certain 24 teams would take part in the finals, as was the case last year in Spain.

He said the first possibility involved a first round with six groups of four teams each with the top two teams from each group and the best four third-

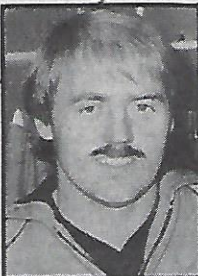
placed teams qualifying for a 16-team semifinals round.

The second version envisages four groups of six teams, with the top two teams from each group qualifying for the semifinals.

Neuberger said both formats guaranteed that the championship could be completed within 24 days.

Neuberger, who is also president of the West German Football Association was in Budapest for last week's friendly international between Hungary and West Germany.

Makedonia to lose Ollerton?



Peter Ollerton (pictured) says he plans to continue playing and coaching — although he has not yet decided on possible moves after his three-year contract with Makedonia finishes at the end of this season.

"I'm fairly keen now and I've still got it. I want to keep playing as long as I can," he says.

"I certainly don't want to quit at 32 and be saying later I could have played another two or four years," he said.

"Now I'm just playing when I think it's needed."

"I will continue playing and coaching next year, although whether it will be with Makedonia I don't know," he said.

He did not want to comment on whether he had discussed a new contract with Makedonia or a possible move to another club.

"With another few games to go at the top of the league I wouldn't want to be saying anything."

"But I can say people have been interested. I'll just have to see what happens."

"If we win the League I wouldn't have any problem there, would I?" he said.

"I don't know whether to get out when things are going too, or whether I'd like the challenge of a new League, a new format next year."

"You get a bit fed up with the same format year after year, and the 24-team League next year could be good."

Ollerton credits much of his coaching success to his varied soccer background.

"I've played under a lot of good coaches. Many have more qualifications, but can't get through to their players."

"Everything I've said this year, right or wrong, has been carried out on the field, and that's what really counts."

Docherty: I want to coach Australia!

Tommy Docherty would like to come back to Australia as manager-coach of the national youth squad.

The controversial Scot left for England last week after a stormy season with National League club Sydney Olympic which ended after weeks of abuse at matches and training by supporters of the Greek-based team.

"I have no quarrel with the people, media or referees in Australia and would love to become involved in the youth coaching area," he said.

There is a great future ahead for Australia if the soccer fraternity can get its act together and with tightening in certain areas this country could be up with Europe and England in five years.

"Enough local talent is coming through from the juniors to eliminate the need for imports and this is proved by the record of the national youth team and the number of young players in the National League Clubs," he said.

"As youth manager, I would be able to call on the experience of coaches Les Scheinflug, Raul Blanco and others. My record is good with youth selection and promotion."

Docherty said he would not return to Australia to coach a club side, although he valued the experience he had gained as a semi-professional coach during his stay.



Tommy Docherty

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



The passionate man and the prostitute

record, the NSL needs a lot more than mere geographical division.

It's a good start — but shouldn't be regarded as the end product.

Playing standards, club managements, refereeing and ground facilities all must be improved, otherwise we'll have two struggling leagues instead of one.

Talking of referees: even though this would add to the cost of the NSL, I think it's time we returned to having neutral referees.

Far too many local referees are thinly disguised fans of the home team. Far too many of the decisions, seen on TV week after week, are simply diabolical.

Sydney coaches, for example, have the shakes for days before they go to play in Canberra. Some claim that you have to be for four goals better there to win by the odd goals.

It's simply not credible that local referees can stay totally and absolutely neu-

tral if not their conscious then their sub-conscious pulls them to one side.

If this weren't true, we wouldn't need neutral referees at internationals either.

Another area which badly needs some re-thinking is the Sunday TV match of the day on 0-28.

The collective experience of European countries is that showing an hour of a match the same day has very bad effects on attendances.

Here we compound our error: we even announce and publish which match will be seen on Sunday evening.

Last week, for example, everybody knew that one hour of the APFA v Marconi game would be on TV at 7.30. I wonder how many fans were content to pass up going to the game and settled for 30 minutes of it on TV a mere hour or so after it had ended?

If, for whatever reasons, the NSL wants to retain the Sunday evening telecast of matches, at least they should

make sure nobody knows which game will be screened.

And as they do have cameras at all grounds for Monday's round-up anyway, it wouldn't be too hard to remain discreet — and increase the gate attendances.

Finally — the "name business." It seems that after having been harangued long enough, the ASF is willing to make a compromise on "ethnic" names. Pity it's a silly one.

Clubs will have to play under their Australianised names — but can promote themselves and approach sponsors under their "ethnic" names.

South Melbourne is apparently, to appear as such in the metropolitan newspapers, as Hellas in the Greek press and perhaps as Gunners when they talk turkey with a potential sponsor.

The confusion, already considerable, will turn into chaos. A company will agree to pay a sum to the Gunners in sponsorship only to see the money being spent by Hellas or South Melbourne.

I do wish the ASF would decide on the simplest and most honest course of action: give the clubs total freedom to choose whatever name they wish to use.

But only one name; not these terribly phoney hybrids such as South Melbourne-Hellas-Gunners and Sydney City-Hakoah-Silckers.

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The Iron Man shows us how

Tommy Docherty's departure from Sydney Olympic was inevitable, as he had made several bitter comments about the Greek community and the club's supporters.

Manfred Schaefer has taken over as coach, and it didn't take us long to find out just how hard a man he is.

He's a tough disciplinarian and, as he told us at his first meeting with the players, he expects 100 per cent effort from everyone.

Our decline this season, from my point of view, was due to two major factors. First, consider that the following was the squad that had us on top of the NSL ladder for 10 weeks last year, and also played a 3-3 draw with Hungary.

Meier, Rogers, Rowden, Ziras, Scott, Raskopoulos, Katoles, Redfern, Koussas, K. Wilson, Jennings. Reser-

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



ves: Phillips, Gavin, P. Wilson.

Only four of those players were in this year's first team up to two weeks ago. Rowden, Scott, Koussas, K. Wilson, Redfern and Gavin were discarded by the club either permanently or, in the case of Koussas, temporarily, while Ziras, and Raskopoulos missed most of the year due to injury.

Many players were brought to the club this year, but if you change so many in one year, there's not much left to anchor onto. It takes time to settle down again.

An even more important consideration is that we lacked correct training.

To be able to play to your full potential, you must have stamina, speed and strength. No matter how much skill and natural ability you may have, your game will suffer unless your physical condition is at a peak.

Looking back at our preparation for last year's Merlion Cup in Singapore, Raskopoulos, Tony Henderson and I trained three times a day, seven days a week, to get ourselves into shape.

Believe me, I had never felt fitter mentally nor physically, and results in the tournament proved it, because we all managed a few memorable performances.

When you know what it's like to be 100 per cent fit, you also know when you are not fit, and after talking to some other players at Olympic, they strongly agree with me. When Schaefer took over, he hit us hard even at the first training sessions. When some players com-

plained that it was hard, he said: "You're joking, aren't you?"

"Another yelled: "This is harder than pre-season training," which prompted someone to reply: "What pre-season training?"

Remarkably, Schaefer was going through it all at the same pace as we were, yet he's over 40 and he hasn't played regularly for about eight years!

No wonder he was called the iron man!

And he wasn't even breathing hard.

"This is nothing," he said. "This is about 60 per cent of what we should be doing."

It just shows you how important fitness is to him.

Our defenders had better watch it. He's liable to make a comeback.

A game for thinkers

Reading an article, I was fascinated to learn that Vladislav Bogicevic is booted every time his name is announced in the Cosmos line-up.



Manfred Schaefer (centre) in action for Australia in a World Cup match in 1969. Israeli goalkeeper Visoker is airborne at left with Israeli defender Belle partly obscured by Schaefer. At right is Attila Abonyi, like Schaefer a former Soccerroo great.

"Bogie" helped his team by setting up 27 goals this season — the highest number of assists in the NSL, and just three off the record.

He commented about the fans: "Because I don't run a lot, people think I'm a lazy player. People who think this game is all about fighting and running, are wrong. It's a game for thinkers and I've always been a man for thinking."

Quite right, Bogie. He should know as he's one of the finest midfielders we've seen in world soccer.

Look at Pele, Cruyff, Beckenbauer. They based their game on skill and intelligence and they didn't become great players by being programmed as robots, to run up and down the field like idiots, without getting the ball.

Gojkovic top

LIUBO GOJKOVIC is one of Australia's great undiscovered coaching talents.

It's about time a top senior club gave him a chance to prove himself.

Gojkovic is coach of the Sydney City Hawks youth

team, which, before last weekend, led the competition by 14 points.

He also coached the St George second grade team that won the 1980 title, and was the Soccerroo's physiotherapist on their tour of China and Taiwan in 1979.

He played alongside the present Red Star Belgrade coach, Gojko Zec, with the Red Star juniors, and it was he who, as former coach of Sydney Olympic's youth team, developed players like Dakos, Patalis, Akoutas and Kalantzis.



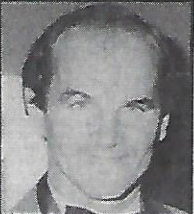
Lubo Gojkovic (left) and Gojko Zec — played together at Red Star

Polonia's Kierno wins S.A. Rothmans

Jan Kierno of Polonia has won the 1983 South Australian Rothmans Medal by only one point.

Kierno received the medal from South Australian Premier John Bannon.

Voting details:
21: J. Kierno (Poll)
20: J. Francis (Azz)
19: A. Santac (Boog)



Jan Kierno

- 14: T. Hayes (Birk), G. Dooley (Poll), L. Humphreys (Para), A. Strain (Eli), D. Rumsby (Boo).
11: G. Tomlinson (Para).
10: P. Ammirato (Birk), I. White (Port), W. Bojczak (Azz), J. Hood (Boog).
9: G. Price (Cro), R. Marlowe (Cro).
8: D. Pankhurst (Birk), Z. Maricic (Cro), L. Matlack (Camp).
7: A. Briscoe (Birk), G. Smith (Port), S. Baker (West), D. Appleby (Para), M. Barendse (Camp).
6: R. Baricic (Boog), D. Mahoney (Camp), G. Konstantopoulos (West), P. Hard (Cro), J. Mitchell (Cro).

- 5: G. Wickstein (Birk), M. Anic-Kaliger (Cro), F. Timar (Poll), R. Knowles (Eli), M. Donnelly (Azz).
4: J. Parsons (Camp), J. Goodie (Eli), R. Preston (Para), G. Williams (Para), N. Pantaras (West), D. Doome (West), R. Coull (Port), J. Smith (Port), A. Mancini (Port).
3: D. Hille (Cro), S. Gough (Cro), N. Flounders (Cro), R. Leopand (Port), J. Vahelavuo (West), G. Calandaris (West), P. Wormley (West), M. Cook (West), I. Di Bartolo (Poll), S. Amos (Para), L. Pivetta (Camp), M. Richardson (Camp), S. Meggatto (Camp), V. Micallef (Camp), T. Kent (Azz), A. Toland (Azz).

- 2: T. Atkins (Boog), C. Harwood (Boog), D. Aracina (Boog), F. Pasquini (Boog), S. Tyerman (Azz), P. Adams (Camp), B. Gale (Eli), G. Wood (Para), A. Brooks (Para), W. Butall (Para), S. Papadopoulos (Poll), G. Sproud (West), M. Ross (Port), Z. Lesan (Cro), M. McAuliffe (Birk), M. Gave (Birk).
1: N. Green (Birk), A. Tobin (Birk), S. Hutchins (Cro), A. Baines (Port), J. Pivarski (Poll), P. Stanczak (Poll), P. Kosmina (Poll), P. Gardiner (Para), B. Boyd (Eli), J. Kaye (Eli), A. Knowles (Eli), S. Parks (Camp), D. Kalinovic (Boog), J. Muir (Boog).

The following players also scored points but were found guilty of an offence and therefore were ineligible for the Rothmans Medal:

- 10: M. Halliday (Camp).
8: B. Evans (Port), D. Evans (West), C. Key (Para).
6: D. Kallina (Para), F. Michelson (Azz).
5: O. Michelson (Azz).
4: H. Kolecki (Poll), A. Karpinski (Poll), C. Miller (Azz).
3: D. Miller (Azz), T. Brown (West).
2: P. Morris (Port), H. Jacques (West).
1: N. Webb (Camp).

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AT GOOD SPORTS STORES EVERYWHERE

Can Kuringai knock off Blacktown?

Sutherland and Kuringai continue to run neck and neck following the completion of postponed matches last weekend. Kuringai defeated Avala in the Gabbie, with late second half goals, while Sutherland beat Polonia, also with late goals at Chopin Park.

With one round remaining and only two clubs in the race for the last spot in the four, Kuringai only has to win against Blacktown to stay in the race for semi-final honours. But to beat Blacktown is a tall order. Sure Kuringai already has done it once this year, but I have a suspi-

NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC

cion that on this occasion Blacktown might put up just that little more resistance in keeping with its position on the League ladder.

Sutherland will battle it out against Canterbury. Oddly enough Canterbury has beaten Sutherland earlier this year and the feeling at Arlington is that it can be done again.

I will stick my neck out and stick to my original prediction that Sutherland will be the fourth team to contest the semi.

But, who will be the Premiers?

From Kuning Tomislav war the feeling is quite clear.

Croatia will celebrate its title at its home ground. However before the celebrations take place it will have to get past the task on paper at least, the task looks easy.

Kuringai 3
Avala 0

Scorers: Berry pen 77, BROCKBANK 69, Eaton pen 77.

KURINGAI: Curtis, Kavara, Barry, Jasso, Bartram, Knight, Leah, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, McEgan (Davidson 48).

AVALA: Ahrens, Lembrky, McKenzia, Barton, Vuinovic, Radovic 100, Minel, Yousaph, Muniz, Fontana, Brown, Rodriguez 173, Housinsin.

Kuringai edged closer to its dream start in the State League when it defeated Avala by three clear goals at the Gabbie Stadium. Not only did the side consolidate its position in the top four but also had valuable practice at the Gabbie Stadium, the home of Blacktown Demons, the side Kuringai is about to face in the last round of the League competition.

Avala had an outside chance of making the top four, but it had to win against Kuringai and win well. However after a scoreless first half Kuringai showed just that little more enterprise in attack and managed to edge away after 56 minutes.

From a Brockbank corner Steve Leak headed past Ahrens but Radovic made a superb save on the goal line and Mike Berry an ex-Avala player scored from a resultant penalty.

Clive Eaton also scored from the spot in the 77th after Brown fell Steve Leak inside

the area. In between times it was Brockbank who scored with a very good volley after a free kick by Regan in the 68th.

Avala showed a little more flair during the opening period and came close after only five minutes when Curtis had to react quickly to save from Brown.

Eaton came close in the 14th then McKegan shot just over the bar a few minutes later, then Kuringai hearts sunk low as Curtis missed a cross from Muniz but some hurried defence cleared the danger.

Lembrky shot wide in the 27th then Eaton repeated the dose at the other end.

During the second stanza some Avala players became over anxious and were promptly booked for some overzealous tackling. McKegan was taken to hospital after 48 minutes following a heavy tackle, but his injury, feared to be a broken shoulder was only a dislocation.

Polonia 0
Sutherland 2

Scorers: Groom 74, Webber 84.

POLONIA: Greenfield, Garlowski (Cultuso), Gorkic, Yensbury, Galas, Leah, Thomas, Ortega, Tracy, Sobczyk, Smith.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hasford, Terry, Schumann, Dalmore, Cashman, Harrington, Webber, Groom, eggs 83, Meade, Westline 61 Clinch.

Sutherland kept in touch with Kuringai following its 2-0 win over Polonia at Chopin Park but the Sharks are far

Postponed matches: Polonia - Sutherland 0-2.

Groom, Webber, Kuringai - Avala 2-0, Berry pen, Brockbank, Eaton pen, later Munro - Blacktown 1-2.

12: CROATIA 15 7 1 50-11 37

MELITA EAGLES 16 4 3 46-11 36

BLACKTOWN 17 8 6 52-22 34

KURINGAI 11 6 6 32-25 28

SUTHERLAND 11 6 6 32-22 28

AVALA 9 7 8 30-25 25

Manly Mar. 8 7 8 28-24 24

later Munro. 8 7 7 32-23 23

Canterbury 7 4 12 26-44 18

Yago. 5 7 11 23-27 17

Polonia 3 7 13 23-44 13

Adams 3 3 17 21-93 9

Blacktown 2 3 17 25-80 8

SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: Wollongong United Vs Parramatta United at J.J. Kelly Park 3 pm (2nd grid) all Kings St. Castles.

SUNDAY

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION: Manly Eagles vs Polonia at Manly Stadium; Cronulla Sydney vs S.S. Yago at KINGS TONGUE PARK; Sutherland Shire vs Cam-M-Ville City at SEYMOUR SHAW PARK; Blacktown vs Adams at Soccer Centre; Blacktown City vs Kuringai at Gabbie Stadium; Manly Warringah vs later Munro at Cronulla Park.

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: North Blacktown vs Dee Why at Potts Park; Parramatta United vs Blacktown United at Cook Park; Gladesville Harrows vs Fairy Meadow at Potts Park; Parramatta City vs Balmain at Gladesville Park; Wollongong United vs Warringah at Bankley Sports Ground; Rockdale Ilinden vs Uni. of N.S.W. at St George Stadium; Warringah Waverley vs Artarmon at Narrabon Fitness Camp.

from the form required to contest the semi finals.

Its general play lacks zest while there is virtually no punch up front with late goals salvaging what looked like another draw against Polonia.

With Polonia playing offside trap to perfection Sutherland players were caught offside on numerous occasions. However in the 74th minute Nigel Groom raced away from Polonia defence to score and give Sutherland the lead.

With only six minutes left Nigel Groom was there again to provide the service and Webber was at the tail end of it to tap it home to keep Sutherland on the tail of Kuringai.

NSL team of the week

Number of appearances in team of the week in brackets.

PEZZANO
(SC-Hakoah)

PERRY (3) **TUTILL (2)** **FLOUNDER (3)** **H. TREDINNICK (1)**
(Brisb. C) (Foots JUST) (Adol. C. Juve) (Newcastle)

ODZAKOV (5) **SENKALSKI (4)**
(Makedonia) (Newcastle)

LEA (1) **WINN (2)** **MARTON (2)** **WRIGHT (5)**
(H'berg) (Marconi) (SG Budapest) (Brisb. Lions)

YOUTH LEAGUE

Sydney City	15	4	3	56-20	40
St George	12	2	7	49-30	38
Newcastle	11	3	8	36-29	38
A.I.S.	8	8	8	29-22	23
Olympic	10	3	8	37-31	33
Canberra	9	2	12	31-29	29
Marconi	7	7	7	23-27	21
APIA	4	5	12	24-47	17
Maitland	5	2	12	10-25	15

BORAL BRICKS

With six games to go, Zarko Odzakov, the brilliant midfielder of Preston-Makedonia, has moved in equal third place in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Odzakov earned five votes for his performance against Marconi in Sydney, while neither the leader, Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) nor second-placed Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) polled any votes.

Danny Wright made a strong advance with a best-on-ground performance in Brisbane Lions' 2-2 draw with West Adelaide Hellas, boosting him to seventh place.

Marshall Soper stayed in the lead in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, by scoring

against APIA. Doug "Bomber" Brown of South Melbourne Hellas moved into equal second place, with 11 goals, by netting two against Canberra.

This week's votes:

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 at Schindler Reserve. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Senkalski (N), 5. Tutill (JUST), 4. H. Tredinnick (N), 3. Carroll (JUST), 2. O'Donnell (JUST), 1. Watson (N).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 RASKOPOLIS, SOPER APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (P. Tredinnick) at St George Stadium. Crowd 3823. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Bradley (APIA), 5. Soper (SO), 4. Patikas (SO), 3. Gray (APIA), 2. Herbert (SO), 1. P. Tredinnick (APIA).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXAN-

DER 2 (Campbell, Lea) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Hamilton) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 700. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Lea (H), 5. Perry (BC), 4. Selemidis (H), 4. Campbell (H), 2. Hamilton (BC), 1. Fabrizio (BC).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Wright 2) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Brown, Brumman) at Richlands. Crowd about 300. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Wright (BL), 5. Heys (WA), 4. Honeyman (WA), 3.

Beves (BL), 2. J. Stewart (BL), 1. Amey (WA).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Rankon) SNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Kosmina) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Flankos (AC), 5. Carter (AC), 4. Pezzano (SC), 3. Kay (SC), 2. Gomez (SC), 1. Shillabeer (AC).

CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Brennan) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown)

at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1037. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Brown (SM), 5. Farina (C), 4. Bryant (C), 3. Egan (SM), 2. Davidson (SM), 1. Byrne (C).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Marton 2, Slater, Wilkinson) WOLLONGONG 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1720. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Marton (St.G), 5. Slater (St.G), 4. Sken (St.G), 3. Cotton (W), 2. Ratcliffe (St.G), 1. Ainsworth (W).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 3 (Winn 2, Sermani) PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 1 (McMillan) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3453. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Winn (Mar), 5. Odzakov (Mak), 4. Sermani (Mar), 3. Djordjevic (Mar), 2. Jones (Mak), 1. Henderson (Mar).

Leaders:

64. O'Connor (W), 62. Yankos (H).

57. Odzakov (Mak), Baifield (AC), 55. Ratcliffe (St.G), 34. Davidson (SM), 33. Wright (BL), 31. Heys (WA), 30. Bryant (C), Sermani (Marci), 49. Bradley (APIA), 46. Greedy (St.G), 45. Sken (St.G), Jones (Mak), Kyriakoulas (JUST), 44. Burke, Lowe (N), 42. Hoszowski (C), Carroll (JUST), 41. Farina (C), Henderson (Marci), 40. Bertogna (APIA), 39. Watson (SC), 38. Honeyman (WA), 37. Katholos (SO), Mariani (APIA), 36. Viliestra (W), P. Tredinnick (APIA), 35. Crino (SM), Tokesi (BC), 34. G. Campbell, McMillan (Mak), B. Nyskohus (AC).

33. R. Stewart (BL), Lucchesi (Mak), Senkalski (N), 32. Halford (SM), Boland (JUST), G. Watson (N), Perry, Hamilton (BC), 31. Hunter, (BL), Wishart (BC), 30. Murphy (SM), Paterson (SO), Belic (JUST), 28. Gibson (C), Gray (APIA), 28. T. Byrne (C), Blair (SM), Soper (30), Gostling (N), Top scorers: 12. Soper (SO), 11. Brown (SM), Bradley (APIA), 10. Kosmina (SC), Paton (JUST), 9. Egan (SM), Cotton (W), Ward, Lucchesi (Mak), 8. Bryant (C), R. Brown (Mar), Wright (BL), O'Connor (W), Mountford (N), 7. Slater, Marton (St.G), Hamilton (BC).

A TOUCH OF HITCHCOCK

From page one

though South Oakleigh has led for almost the entire season.

South Oakleigh, coached by one-time Hellas boss Cotis Xanthopoulos and featuring veteran goalkeeper John Kennedy, remains on top after its full programme of matches, but Caulfield, only a point behind, has a match in hand.

In Fourth Division, the fight continues between Geelong-based teams Hamlyn Rangers, North Geelong and Corio.

Hamlyn Rangers, on top of the ladder, is unique among Australian clubs, as it features two players who coach other clubs — John Gardiner (Croatia) and Mike Lynn (Melbourne Hungaria), plus a former coach, Frank Munro (Juventus, Albion Rovers).

Rangers head the ladder, from second-placed North Geelong, but Corio, with games in hand against Hawthorn and Resanna, could overtake both of them and win the championship.

Another nail-biting finish saw Knox City miss out on promotion to the State League. Knox would have displaced Frankston Pines in second place, but its opponent, Werribee, was motivated more strongly by the need to avoid relegation, and stormed to a 4-1 victory.

Pines' promotion partner is First Division champion Western Suburbs.

Suburbs won the league title by leading Bell Park 1-0 with a goal by Stewart Gilmour and thanks to the return recently of Ray Pocock.

Pocock played a major part in Wests' grand form after rejoining them from Heidelberg-Bundoora, along with Terry Banagan. Last time Wests won promotion to the State League, Pocock was their player-coach.

Another former Wests player-coach, Billy Vojtek, will take St Albans to the First Division championship if it beats Dandenong City at the weekend. But it Saints lose and North Dandenong beats Keilor-Austria, it will be North's title. North, by the way, lost last weekend to Dandenong City, which is Saints' opponent this time.

Back to the NSL, where Makedonia coach Peter Oller-ton ponders what line-up to use against Olympic at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

When Todorovski left the field with a hamstring injury against Marconi, it was mid-fielder Zoran Ilioski who switched to the sweeper's position, and for the last half-hour he put on one of his best performances of the season.

If Todorovski fails to recover, Oller-ton could switch himself to the sweeper's position, or leave Ilioski there.

And if Oller-ton goes back into defence, Makedonia desperately will need Lucchesi back in the team, to fill the vacancy up front.

Gary Ward had the plaster removed from his fractured leg last Friday, but it's likely

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED V. Heidelberg-Alexander at Adamstown Oval, 2.30 pm
Record: Hberg 4 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 20/17 goals

SUNDAY

Brisbane City v. ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Spencer Park, 3pm
Record: St Geo. 5 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 13/12 goals

Wollongong v. ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3pm
Record: Wgong 3 wins, 0 draw, 1 loss, 8/6 goals

APIA-Leichhardt v. Footscray J.U.S.T. (draw) at Lambert Park, 3pm
Record: JUST 4 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 12/8 goals

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Sydney Olympic at Connor Reserve, 3pm
Record: Mak 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 10/6 goals

West Adelaide Hellas v. Marconi-Fairfield (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm
Record: Marc 9 wins, 0 draw, 3 losses, 15/10 goals

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, 3pm
Record: Hellas 6 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 15/13 goals

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Canberra Arrows at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm
Record: Hak 8 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 21/14 goals



Brown Vojtek Flounders Gilmour

he will need one more week's rest, so he probably won't be available until the following match, against Sydney Hakoah in Sydney. That game could well decide the championship.

Olympic coach Schaefer also has a few decisions to make, like whether to use Mark Koussas as twin striker alongside Marshall Soper instead of having Terry Patikas playing wide, or whether Peter Katholos should play up front or in midfield, or whether Graham Jennings should be on the wing or at left back.

Last year Makedonia ended Olympic's run at the top of the ladder by putting four goals past the visitors at Connor Reserve, but Doug Brown, the man who scored two that day, now plays for South Melbourne Hellas.

And what a run he's having! His two goals against

Canberra last Sunday give him a total of 11 for the season — only one less than Marshall Soper, and he's set to increase that total in what is expected to be a landslide victory for Hellas against Brisbane Lions at Middle Park.

Brown and his striking partner Charlie Egan have been tearing defences to ribbons in recent weeks, and I shudder to think what they'll do to young Vasquez and Hunter.

With the midfield also firing, Hellas should win by as many as five.

Arthur Xanthopoulos missed last week's match, and it remains to be seen whether he returns against Lions.

Newcastle remains the biggest threat to Makedonia, however, due to its excellent goal difference. Heidelberg travels north on Saturday, and will give Newcastle a tougher

match than Ken Kaiser's boys may expect.

Player-coach Jim Tansey has lightened the Heidelberg defence. Theo Selemidis suddenly is starring in midfield, and Mike Valentine is providing extra width.

But if Newcastle doesn't respond to the ultimate challenge — the chance to win the title — it has only itself to blame. It certainly doesn't lack talent or organisation.

Sydney Hakoah welcomes back Steve O'Connor, the big, tough, inspiring stopper, who missed last week's game against Adelaide Juventus.

With O'Connor in defence, Murray Barnes can push into the midfield to help counter Canberra's Duncan Cole and Steve Bryant at the Sydney Athletic Field where Hakoah remains unbeaten so far this season.

Hakoah hasn't won in four weeks, but should break through this time, to keep the pressure on Makedonia and Newcastle.

Only a point behind them comes St. George Budapest, whipped along once again by that old fox, Dez Marton.

I saw him tear Heidelberg apart a few weeks ago, and he did so to Wollongong as well, scoring two goals in a masterly display, ably assisted by Robbie Slater, and backed by David Ratcliffe and his stout-hearted defenders.

It's no picnic playing in Brisbane, where Frank Liddell becomes twice a fearsome and Steve Glockner and Angelo Falco twice as fast, but Budapest won't slip now.

APIA's challenge ended when it lost to Olympic, and it's likely to drop more points this week, to Footscray J.U.S.T. which still has lots to play for.

J.U.S.T. is aiming to establish three club records.

As I said last week, J.U.S.T. is due to surpass the highest points total it has gained in a NSL season. That was 25 points in 1981. Under the old two-points-for-a-win system, J.U.S.T. now would have 24 points, and a victory over APIA on Sunday would establish the new record.

Zdravko Jujic also is chasing a record. Mendo Ristovski, now playing for Altona Gate, is J.U.S.T.'s all-time top scorer in the NSL, with 21 goals. Lujic has 20.

And Jamie Paton, with 10 goals for the season, aims to be the first J.U.S.T. player to be top scorer in the NSL.

Steve Winn, Marconi's goalscoring magician, will be up against a tough opponent in Robbie Dunn when Marconi travels to the home of West Adelaide Hellas. Mark Jankovics may be back to help Winn, but on its home ground, I expect Hellas to hold out for a

National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME					AWAY							
Last week's standings in brackets.													
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts	
1. (1) Preston Makedonia	9	2	1	27	11	4	5	3	14	12	41	23	46
2. (2) Newcastle KB United	6	3	3	18	7	6	2	4	20	12	38	19	41
3. (3) Sydney City Hakoah	7	4	0	18	6	4	4	5	15	20	33	26	41
4. (4) St. George Budapest	6	5	1	17	8	4	4	4	15	13	32	21	39
5. (5) South Melbourne Hellas	5	3	4	17	16	6	2	4	18	16	35	32	38
6. (6) APIA-Leichhardt	8	2	2	24	9	2	2	8	13	20	37	29	34
7. (8) Sydney Olympic	6	2	5	19	14	4	2	5	12	12	32	26	34
8. (9) Marconi-Fairfield	6	3	3	23	17	3	4	5	15	16	38	33	34
9. (7) Brisbane City	4	5	3	17	6	4	3	5	12	19	29	35	32
10.(10) Footscray J.U.S.T.	5	4	3	14	18	3	4	5	7	15	21	33	32
11.(12) Adelaide City Juventus	5	3	5	14	13	3	6	4	16	16	28	29	30
12.(11) Canberra Arrows	6	3	3	24	12	2	2	8	14	27	38	40	29
13.(14) Heidelberg-Alexander	6	2	4	16	12	0	7	5	7	19	23	31	27
14.(13) West Adelaide Hellas	4	5	4	15	17	1	6	4	6	13	21	30	26
15.(15) Brisbane Lions	5	2	5	21	19	0	4	8	8	31	29	50	21
16.(16) Wollongong	0	9	3	13	16	2	3	8	17	30	30	48	18

CROATIA SACKS GRIMSEY

Tasmania State League club, Croatia-Glenorchy dismissed its coach John Grimsey (pictured) after a 1-2 loss to University.

"The club president, Tony Dzelijska, rang me and told me that my services were no longer required," Grimsey said. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm finished with the club."

Dzelijska confirmed that the committee had met and ratified his decision.

"Mr Grimsey has been dismissed because of the recent poor results of the team. Six weeks ago, we were on top of the league. We haven't had any injuries or lost any players.



We've still got the same players and now we've slipped to fourth place," Dzelijska said.

The club was to ask one of its senior players to take over

the coaching job for the remaining league match and for the 'final four' competition after the conclusion of the league programme.

Grimsey, who coached Polonia in Victoria, led Croatia to victory in this year's pre-season cup competition. He is known to have been disappointed with attendances at training in recent weeks and said that this meant he was often forced to merely 'go through the motions' at training sessions.

Croatia also dismissed its coach last season.

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Herbert, Cole, Wooddin for Olympic games

As anticipated, Ricki Herbert (Sydney Olympic), Duncan Cole (Canberra City) and Steve Wooddin (South Melbourne) have all been included in New Zealand's final 16-man squad which will contest Olympic qualifying matches against Japan and Taiwan.

Adeleide City Juventus' Glen Dods earlier had made himself unavailable for "business and personal reasons".

Wynston Rufer (FC Zurich) also pulled out because of club commitments and has been replaced by Colin Tuna of the Papatoetoe, whom Australians may remember as the choice as best and fairest player of the 1982 Oceania Youth Tournament, over David Lowe.

Tuna's inclusion must be regarded as being at the expense of former Footscray JUST and Brisbane Lions striker John Verweij now with Christchurch United, who was favoured to fill the gap left by Rufer.

By PAUL MOON

The squad comes into camp in Auckland on September 19, before its home games against Japan and Taiwan respectively on September 25 and October 2.

The returns have been provisionally set for Tokyo on October 7 and Taipei five days later.

Herbert, Cole and Wooddin therefore almost certainly will miss the last three rounds of the NSL programme.

Syd. Olympic 2

At St George Stadium. Crowd: 3823.
Referee: Tim Davies 9.
Scorers: Raskopoulos (O) 27th min, Soper (O) 39th min, Treddinick (A) 51st min.
OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Coady 6, Herbert 7, Dakos 6, Jennings 6, Phillips 7, Patikas 8.

SCHAEFER PLANS SURPRISES

Raskopoulos 7, Patikas 5 (Koussas 79th min), Soper 8, Karthaus 6.
APIA: Parkos 6, Carter 6, Bortogno 6, Mariani 7, Brown 6, Gray 7, Butler 7, Morsello 5 (Valeri 57th min, 6), Bradley 8, Treddinick 7, Sharne 6.

There was some of the atmosphere, if not quite the number of spectators, of old-time APJA v Pan Hellenic derbies when the two rivals

clashed at St George Stadium.

At the end, the man who replaced Tommy Docherty, Socero great Manfred Schaefer, announced himself happy with the outcome.

And, he may have added, greatly relieved.

"Iron Man" Manfred has his job cut out and confesses that he only returned to big time soccer to answer what amounts to a challenge.

It is a challenge he wants, he certainly has with the Greek club, backed by an audience whose volatility defies description.

"There are a number of things which need looking after right now," the new man in the hot seat told me moments after the full time whistle.

His squad has been put on a special training regimen, aiming to overcome some of the shortcomings Schaefer perceives.

Also high on the agenda is the boosting of confidence of some of the many outstanding talents, who have had a tough time of it under the volatile regime of the now departed Scotsman.

Raskopoulos showed beneficial effects of the new environment almost immediately: Patikas was a ball of hard-running, ambitious fire in mid-field and up front; and, believe it or not, Mark Koussas was also on hand to put his talents on display, even if only during the final stages of the clash.

There is more to come, too. Preston Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton should not read too much into Olympic's lineup last Sunday.

This weekend's visit of Schaefer's men to Melbourne will see several changes, even though most of them are likely to be positional reshuffles, rather than promotions from the "ranks".

New broom and all that notwithstanding, APJA have only themselves to blame for failing to grab at least a draw, based mainly on the dashing second-half display, when chances were created and wasted with embarrassing regularity.

APJA was on the ropes early, when in the 27th minute Raskopoulos quietly slipped



Peter Scott

behind the defence and slotted home the ball, undisturbed and unattended, from close range.

Thus, it was 1-0 and all systems go for Olympic and within 12 minutes they were two up, but not before they almost received a very nasty shock.

A loose ball went bouncing around the bye home team's penalty area, and normally dependable Kiwi international Ricky Herbert completely missed with a header which would have cleared the situation.

APJA speedster Peter Sharne was suddenly all alone, needing only to put the ball into any part of the net.

Alas, he failed to gain balance and by the time he recovered the angle was too acute and the opportunity was gone.

Within two minutes Patikas busted his way through the APJA defence, fired off a shot, but saw Parkos parry it.

But only as far as Soper who immediately lodged the leather in the back of his former club's net.

APJA fought back gamely after the break.

Its attacking moves were incisive and imaginative, especially after Morsello's replacement by Walter Valeri.

Treddinick capitalised on a neat pass received through a tangle of legs in the 51st minute to pull one back.

Not much later there was the intense frustration for APJA fans of having to see an excellent shot from Bradley hit the upright, with Olympic keeper Gary Meier well beaten.

However, it was not to be for APJA on this occasion and one of their biggest disappointments must have been Peter Sharne's failure to fire, playing only as a shadow of his former sparkling self.

A WINNING PARTNERSHIP

Marconi 3 Makedonia 1

Scorers: Winn 19', 27', Sermani 39', McMillan 47.
Ground: Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3453.
Referee: Peter Ramplay 7.
Yellow cards: Djordjevic 7, Marconi: James 7, Bozanic 7, Djordjevic 8, McCulloch 7, Henderson 7, Calderan 7, Carbone 7, Sermani 8, Hunter 6, Winn 9, Licata 6.
MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6, Oskanin 7, Putrovski 6, Ilicski 7, Jones 7, Todorovski 7 (Farrell 61' - 7), Flavell 6, McMillan 7, Ozdakov 9, Ollerton 6, Campbell 5.

Steve Winn came back into the Marconi line-up to spear-

head the side to a comfortable win over the league leader and keep the title race open.

Almost from the kickoff Winn was on hand to volley Licata's cross but Wilson dived to his left to save. From that moment on it was all systems go for Winn and Marconi as the home side bore forward to threaten Wilson.

Jovan Djordjevic's throw-in led to Marconi's opener. Partly cleared, the ball fell to Sermani who crossed for Winn to head home in the 19th minute. Eight minutes later it was Sermani again with a neat through ball for Hunter, and following a good run and cross by the nippy forward, Winn



Alex Vesic

flew forward to head his second.

Sermani made it 3-0 from the edge of the box close to the end of the first period and Makedonia was well beaten.

McMillan followed a good through ball from his coach Peter Ollerton to cut Marconi's lead soon after the interval but the visitors never looked strong enough to cause Marconi much concern.

With the title race hotting up, Makedonia needed to show much more to get away with at least one point but Marconi was in no mood to donate the points.

Helped by a strong breeze during the first period, the home Sermani and Winn.

The two played together in England and caused many a stir with their understanding. Winn finally has shaken off the affect of the injury which kept him out of the game for so long and Sermani slowly is becoming the darling of Marconi fans.

For Makedonia, Ozdakov was very impressive and came close to scoring during the second period. His general play, distribution and skill were a delight to watch. On the

day Ozdakov came a close second to Seve Winn.

For Ollerton the loss didn't mean all that much as Newcastle and Sydney City slipped again. The ex-Soceroo could have made things easier for his side but lacked speed to finish off a move early, then head firing James only to see the ball bounce off the ground and over the bar close to half time.

But despite the near misses all dreams must go to Marconi for its entertaining play which satisfied some 3,500 people on a windy day at Marconi Stadium. Some of the moves involved six or seven players, with only despairing tackles keeping Marconi at bay.

ATSALAS, HOGG, HUNTER HURT

Brisb. Lions 2 West Adel. 2

Scorers: BL: Wright, 45th and 2nd minute injury time first half; WA: Brown 36th, Brennan 51st.
Venue: Richlands Stadium. Crowd: about 300.
Referee: Alan Kibbler 8.
LIONS: Beves 8, McKimming 7, Vasquez 5, Hunter 6, (Daunt 52nd), Niven 7, R. Stewart 8, Vincent 7, Hogg 7, Anderson 7, Wright 9, J. Stewart 8.
WEST AD HELLAS: Sproul 6, Papazoglou 7, Amey 8, Hiern 6, Dunn 7, Brennan 7, Hays 8, Atsalas 7 (Stamatopoulos 27th, Brown 7, Honeyman 8, Doorne 6).

Young West Adelaide Hellas Midfielder Steve

Atsalas was nearly "grounded" in Brisbane after he was severely concussed in this draw.

Atsalas, who clashed heads with Lions' Steve Hogg in the 23rd minute, was immediately substituted and needed attention from the lions' club doctor.

The youngsters later was vomiting in the dressing room and unable to stand and was strongly advised by the doctor to spend the night in a Brisbane hospital.

But Atsalas improved slightly and was allowed to return to Adelaide on strict advice that if his condition deteriorated on the trip to the airport he was not permitted to make the flight.

Hogg was also concussed but was able to play on despite a 2cm cut in his head from which blood flowed throughout the game.

Hogg could not be substituted as there were grave fears over the fitness of Lions stopper Alan Hunter who took a knock on the knee from which he had a cartilage removed less than a month ago.

Hunter, who was playing his first game since the operation eventually had to come off the field early in the second half.

Although the loss of Atsalas could have been a worrying one for West Adelaide, the visitors showed no effects as they almost immediately bounced back to score.

Substitute Theo Stamatopoulos was allowed to run free and wide on the left and played



Ricky Rosso

a perfectly-placed cross to the far post. Lions keeper Brett Beves shouted but found the ball too high. The Lions defenders, hearing the call, abandoned their marking duties and Tim Brown was allowed to glide into the goalmouth and head the cross into the net.

But the Adelaide team did not count on the brilliance of young Soceroo Danny Wright, who is running his heart out these days for a lost cause.

Wright played a neat one-two with John Stewart, moved forward and hit a low, spinning shot goalwards. West keeper Gary Sproul appeared to have the shot covered but dived on the ball and deflected it into the net.

With considerable injury time to play from the Atsalas-Hogg incident, Lions wasted no time in going forward again.

Clarke Anderson, a speedy winger in the Craig Low Mould, broke down the right and crossed deep to John Stewart. His first attempt, a header, hit the back of the upright

but he was able to steer the rebound square across the goal where Wright slammed it into the net.

It was a great goal for Lions but a poor display of concentration from the Adelaide side.

The young Lions who now more than ever are looking like boys in a men's game, learned nothing from their opponents' lapse and committed the same mistake only six minutes into the second half.

At a time when tight defence should have been at a premium, Mick Brennan rose above a group of Adelaide defenders to perfectly glance a Graham Hays corner into the net.

With the scores level once more, West Adelaide seemed satisfied with a point and rarely pushed forward again.

Lions lost some of the mid-field impetus when Rob Vincent was pushed back to stopper to replace Hunter. Much of the mid-field direction then fell on Russell Stewart and that was the side's downfall as the young Soceroo these days seems to be trying to win games with his mouth rather than his feet.

Danny Wright was still working hard up front, but at

times too hard. He is shooting when he should be crossing and flicking when he should be holding. But all the same, at times he was outstanding and mesmerised the Westad defence in which Bill Amey and Rob Dunn were having big games.

Lions captain Alan Niven almost grabbed victory with a great free kick in the 83rd minute but watched in dismay as it rocketed off the corner of the post.

With seconds remaining West surprised everyone. Hays, who had been a tireless worker and always a danger was involved early but the final opportunity fell to Honeyman, who was having a good game.

The experienced striker headed goalwards with Beves beaten but Lions sweeper Rod Vasquez came out of nowhere to clear off his line. It was one of the few positive things the youngster did all day.

Both coaches were almost embarrassed by their team's showing.

"It was rubbish", said Lions' Simon Kistemaker while West's Alan Vest summed up with "We were poor, but they were poorer".

The Brown 'bomber' strikes, Canberra sunk

Canberra 1 SM-Hellas 2

CANBERRA ARROWS: Horoski 7 - Ambrose 7, T. Byrne 8, Murray 7, Walsh 7 - Cole 7, Stone 7, Gibson 7, Bryant 8 - Farina 8, Brennan 7. Coach: Attila Abonyi.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 - Russell 7, Yzendoorn 8, Blair 8, Davidson 8 - Murphy 7, Crino 7, Halford 7, Buljevic 7 (Wooddin 74th) - Brown 8, Egan 8. Coach: Len McKendry.

Scorers, SM: Brown 2; Can: Brennan.
Ref: Glyn Davies.
Cautions: Farina and Woodin.
Crowd: 1037.

Hellas striker Doug Brown may look like soccer's answer to a Rugby League prop, but once more on Sunday he proved he must be perhaps the NSL's greatest opportunity.

It was Brown's two superbly-taken solo goals that sank Canberra 2-1.

Coach Len McKendry summed it up when he said: "I think we adapted to the conditions better - and we took our chances."

The pitch was like a skating rink.

Coach Attila Abonyi played a 4-4-2 formation, with only Brennan and Farina up front, and in the end one wondered about that strategy.

hammered away at Hellas's defence. Rarely, though, did they threaten with real menace.

And when Hellas began to break, they did so with purpose and polish.

For example, the first break saw a Doug Brown shot punched into the air by Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Horoski, and when, under a fierce challenge, he was dispossessed, the usually deadly Brown hit the side-netting.

Minutes later it was Charlie Egan's turn and his wicked shot smashed onto the underside of the bar.

But with just 60 seconds remaining, a neat Egan-Brown move saw Brown finish superbly.

And when just nine minutes after the turn-round Brown again showed his mastery finishing it was, one thought.

That, of course, was true - but in the 64th minute midfielder Ian Stone split Hellas's mid-field with ease with a great floated ball and speedster Tony Brennan was able to run free past Laumets.

Canberra pressured and Has defended, although again as Canberra committed themselves understandably to almost total attack Hellas's polished understanding up front was in evidence.

Even veteran Branko Buljevic, although

substituted late by Steve Woodin.

No matter. Yzendoorn was a hero with a brilliant points scoring save just 10 minutes from time.

Everyone was beaten by Ian Gibson's ground shot but Yzendoorn the sweeper had positioned himself perfectly on the



Peter Windsor

goal-line near the post and was able to boot the ball off the goal-line.

URUGUAY ONLY

The proposed November tournament between Australia, Uruguay, Cameroon and Poland was expected to be called off last night (Tuesday).

Up to that time, the ASF's sponsor, West Nally, had been unable to generate enough promotion and advertising funds to underwrite the series.

It is likely that a three-match series between Australia and Uruguay will replace the tournament.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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Heavy debt for Best

George Best admitted at the London Bankruptcy Court he is \$230,000 in debt. And he blamed booze, gambling and expensive cars for his downfall. The receiving order was made against him by the Inland Revenue which is claiming about \$25,000.

Broke already

Toronto Nationals, one of the clubs in the reconstituted Canadian Professional Soccer League, is already in financial straits after only six weeks. Coaching and administration staff have been fired and the future looks bleak for Tony Currie, ex-Leeds and England, who is the big name of the team.

Sabella

Two Argentinian payers with English League experience, Alex Sabella ex-Leeds, and Claudio Marango

Indian star

Terry Felix, a 22-year-old full-blooded Red Indian who didn't take up soccer until he was 17 and was living on a reservation 18 months ago, played for Canada in its first game against Scotland in Vancouver. Terry, who is the first Redskin ever to represent his country, turned professional with Vancouver Whitecaps nine months ago.

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PUSKAS INTEREST



Heidelberg 2 Brisbane City 1

Scorers: 0-1 Hamilton 40m, 1-1 Campbell 53m, 2-1 Lea 82m.
Ground: Olympic Village
Crowd: 700 (estimate)
Referee: S. Mellings
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7; Mackie 7; Vankov 7; MacLeod 8; Tansey 7; Selemidis 8; Campbell 8; Spanos 7; Cole 7; Lea 9; Valentin 7. **Coach:** Jim Tansey.
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7; Gird 7; Perry 8; Liddell 7; Wilkinson 7; Pimblett 7; Fabrizio 8; Hamilton 8; Williamson 7; Cairney 7; Bromfield 7 (Falco 65m). **Coach:** Jim Hermiston.

Peter Desira

Puskas is interested in Heidelberg's coaching job and may come to Australia in October to take charge. Gouloupoulos says he has been in touch with the former Magyar Marvel in Madrid and is waiting for a reply on an offer to have him.

comes to a head and anyone tries to interfere he's prepared to hand the coaching job back to the club immediately. Playing before the lowest crowd of the season, the paying customers amounted to about 700 and in the most atrocious windy and rainy conditions Melbourne has served up this season, Brisbane City took a 40th minute lead with one of its first scoring attempts of the match. Bobby Hamilton latched onto Frank Pimblett's corner kick and slammed the rebound home after Jeff Oliver had blocked the first attempt. Jim Campbell provided the turning point for Alexander, levelling the scores with one of the wildest goals he'll score in his life. The midfielder was near the byline on the right wing and centred more in the hope of

getting someone to nod it home than anything else. But the ball swerved deceptively to citch Kim Wishart by surprise and it ended up in the net for the equaliser. Derek Lea emerged as the man of the match, with his never-say-die attitude, and he came close twice as Heidelberg took control of the proceedings before matching the winner eight minutes from time. The winner came in the 82nd minute due mainly to a good refereeing decision by Stuart Mellings. Campbell put Lea through with an incisive pass down the right, the winger beat Steve Perry in the chase and managed to keep his feet despite a foul from the sweeper. Mellings waved play on as Lea steadied and sent him shot low past Wishart.

Flabulous Ferenc Puskas

COSTLY MISS BY MURRAY

By FRANK PANGALLO

Syd. City 1 Adel. City 1

Scorers: Rankin (Ad) 29th; Kosmina (Syd) 64th. At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 1500.
Referee: A. Martell 6.
Cautions: Gomez (SC) Barnes (SC), Dods (AC), Blair (AC).
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: McNally 7 - Shillabeer 7; Flounders 9; Barnfield 7; Dods 7 - Blair 7, Melza 7, Villani 7, Carter 8 - Rankin 7, Mullen 7. **Coach:** Bobby Ferguson.
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 9 - Seounez 7; Barnes 7, Robertson 7, Cant 7 - Watson 7 (Bottalacio 49th, 71, Kay 8, Gomez 8, Murray 7 - Kosmina 7, Boden 6. **Coach:** Eddie Thomson.

Juve's way just after the break when Joe Watson was injured. Yet what was to be the turning point of the game for Juve seemed to have a positive effect on Hakoah. Barnes, Kosmina, Cant and Gomez figured more prominently whereas Juve was forced to defend anxiously. Kosmina levelled after 64 minutes but not before Melza had a great chance to put Juve two up. Soon after Kosmina's goal, Murray had the goal at his feet but chipped the ball over the bar. Juve managed to hold on for a deserved point and was able to send a real score up Hakoah which will need a more concerted effort over 90 minutes in the remaining matches if it is to overhaul the league's leaders.

"I'm 30 now and have a long time to go but not so many years to enjoy as a player," he said. Tansey has been in charge only 10 days but already is amazed by the pressure from the outside at Heidelberg about team selection. "They're already saying I don't like this player or that player but in all honesty all I'm concerned with is putting out the best team available. "We're down the bottom and can't afford to carry passengers and the lads showed commitment out there to come from behind to get that win today," Tansey said after the match. "I'm especially pleased with Theo Selemidis' performance in midfield - I think he's done very well for us over the past two weeks." Tansey says if the pressure

Hail Senkalski!

Foots JUST 0 Newcastle 0

Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: about 100.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 6.
Cautions: Watson (N).
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 8 - Tutill 9 - Kyriakoulas 8, McDowell 8, Curovic 8, Taylor 7, Belic 6, O'Donnell 8 - Carroll 8, Paton 7, Purdie 6 (Lujic 64th). **Coach:** Bobby McLachlan.
NEWCASTLE J.U.S.T.: Gosling 8 - Kerby 7, Burke 7, Watson 8, Treddinick 8 - Lee 6, Senkalski 9, Mason 7, Jones 6 - Mountford 7, Lowe 6. **Coach:** Ken Kaiser.

Laurie Schwab

left wing, Belic suddenly found himself with the ball at his feet only about three metres from goal, facing keeper Clint Gosling. Belic stopped the ball, but placed it badly, enabling Gosling to pounce on it, just as he had pounced on a Belic shot in the first half. Lujic dropped out of the starting line-up about four weeks ago, when he declared himself unavailable due to a hamstring injury. Upon his return, coach Bobby McLachlan was reluctant to change a winning team, so Lujic had to content himself with a place on the bench. But McLachlan gave the winger his chance just after half time on Sunday. "Get out there and make sure I can't leave you out next week," McLachlan told Lujic as he replaced Ian Purdie in the 63rd minute. And that's just what he did. J.U.S.T. had weathered a few storms in the first half but with Lujic providing a lot of thrust down the left, the local players started getting a bit fed up with not being in the lead. That's what they're like now, we know. Once content to avoid defeat, they're no longer happy with anything but three points. Belic combined with Brian O'Donnell who had a fine game down the left, and O'Donnell's angled drive flashed meaningfully across goal. In the 78th minute, Paton wriggled past Burke inside the penalty box and tried to lay the ball back to Joe Carroll, unmarked and facing the net. But the muddy surface stopped Paton's pass, and it was cleared. Lujic then dribbled past Kerby and Watson and released the ball to O'Donnell whose angled shot towards the far post was headed away by Howard Treddinick. With Senkalski spraying the ball about, and Bob Mountford acting as an effective target despite the close marking of Gary McDowell, Newcastle had the better of the first half and should have scored as early as the 17th minute, when Mountford, on a pass from Senkalski, got into the penalty area, only to have his shot saved by Boland. A cross-shot by Kerby hit the crossbar, and then Lee, storming in from a deep position, shot just past the post. McLachlan tailored his tactics according to Newcastle's usual style of play. The two strikers had to be marked, and the job went to Kyriakoulas who picked up Lowe, and McDowell who took Mountford, who coped better with the close marking. Graham Tutill, sweeping behind the two stoppers, was nothing short of magnificent. I couldn't count how many times he threw his body into beat shots from dangerous positions. Suleiman Curovic and O'Donnell picked up Jones and Lee respectively, and succeeded in cutting off Newcastle's supply from the flanks. But the Newcastle defence was equally as successful, with Burke preventing Paton from getting into his 10-yard penalty area, and Howard Treddinick quite magnificent at left back, attacking incessantly and playing many commendable crossfield passes.

It was a tough, fiercely competitive game in which tackles were applied with too much gusto and little commonsense considering the waterlogged state of the pitch.

It was Juve which demonstrated its youthful enthusiasm early, forcing Hakoah on the defensive.

Hakoah's initial build-ups were slow and easily cut out by a sterling Juventus defence led by the uncompromising Neville Flounders and steered by wily Neil Banfield.

Les Carter was a source of entertaining attacks down the left.

Villani almost scored after 18 minutes when he latched onto a miskick by Carter and struck a full-blooded shot at the chest of keeper Pezzano. By this time Juve had the run of play and the better of some dubious line decisions.

The deadlock broke in the 29th minute when Flounders, utilising his aerial strength in the box, rose high to nod the ball down for Rankin to sweep into the net.

An upset result seemed possible. Juve had tireless workers across the back and middle whereas Hakoah had no real rhythm although tigerish Paul Kay was a threat. Things looked like going

Marton, Slater kill 'em

By ALEX VESIC

St George 4 Wollongong 0

Scorers: Slater 48; Wilkinson 65; Marton 71, 84.
Ground: St George Stadium
Crowd: 1000
Referee: Ken Small 5
Yellow Cards: Pollard, O'Connor (W), Ratcliffe (SG)

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 7, Skeon 7, R. O'Shea 6, Barton 6, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, Slater 8, Stone 6, Wilkinson 6, Marton 3.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 5, Willis 5, Pollard 5, Dunlevy 5, Vlietstra 5, Ainsworth 6, Dickson 5, McGreem 5, Cotton 7, Green 821, Gaffney 6, O'Connor 5.

Dez Marton, the ageing Saint, combined with Robbie Slater, one of the young Saints, to completely destroy Wollongong at St George stadium last Saturday.

Three minutes after half time Slater beat Vlietstra and Willis before side-footing past

Vardareff from some seven metres to give Saints the lead.

Wollongong came back strongly and an Ainsworth goal was disallowed in the 55th minute. Roy Cotton struggled with Robbie O'Shea before he cut the Saints fullback, then cut the ball back for Ainsworth to hit a superb drive which rebounded from the crossbar onto the ground and out. It appeared that the ball crossed the line before bouncing out, but the goal was not given.

With Wollongong committed to come forward, huge gaps started to appear in the slow Wolves backline. Marton managed to create some space on the right flank, then cross to the far post for Wilkinson to head in Saints' No. 2.

A quick through ball by Store found Marton running away (1) from Wolves defenders before beating Vardareff.

Six minutes before the end Marton dazzled with some superb ball skills to turn Roy Vlietstra and Chris Dunlevy before pushing it wide of Vardareff.

It was back in 1978, in a 1-1 draw with Greece in Sydney that Senkalski got his first chance in an experimental Australian team. He was included in the national squad for a tour of China and Taiwan in 1979, but was sent home again without playing a game, because he was injured.

His star shone again briefly, but brightly, when he appeared as a substitute for George Christopoulos in a 1-1 draw with Mexico at Olympic Park in 1980, but further injuries prevented him from capitalising on the rave reviews he got for that appearance.

Now, in the light of his performance against Footscray J.U.S.T. last Sunday, and in many other games this season, it is a few creative midfielders in Australia who are in Senkalski's class. Zdravko Ozkovic, certainly, but he's not eligible for the national team. Oscar Crino, when he's in form.

Senkalski's J.U.S.T. opponent, Vlatko Belic, was left floundering in the wake of the Newcastle star in the mud and slush of Schintler Reserve after a night of rain and a pre-match hail storm.

But while Senkalski called all the shots in midfield, and distributed the ball with sweet precision, it was Belic who could have won the game for the home side.

With only two minutes to go, and Lujic running amok on the

Wolves, Dundee to hail Munro

From page one

Munro and his wife stayed up till midnight on New Year's Eve, 1967, awaiting their first footer, a well established Scottish custom, whereby usually a close friend is the first visitor in your home to celebrate the start of a new year.

"Stuart Fraser, a team mate of mine from Dundee United, lived in Aberdeen at the time and he came to see us just after midnight. I went to bed about 12.10am and the next morning I arrived at our ground at about 9.40am which meant that I was 10 minutes late. Eddie Turnbull, the Aberdeen manager, thought that I had been up drinking all night and he put me on the bench.

"The next day Turnbull called me into his office and gave me two tickets, one for me and one for my wife, to go to Wolverhampton. I was amazed. I couldn't believe it."

Wolves bought Munro for \$100,000. From getting \$50 a week with Aberdeen, he jumped to \$140 a week with Wolves. He was a permanent fixture in the first team for 10 seasons, playing under three managers - Ron Allen, Bill McGarry and Chung. His first five seasons were spent in midfield even though he always fancied himself as a

central defender. His chance came during a match against Nottingham Forest when the usual stopper was injured. Munro went into defence and became a regular there.

"I can be a cut-throat business in professional football but I never was under threat as a player. I always got my game. Even if I only was about 20 per cent fit."

"I can remember me and Mike Bailey not being fit enough to play against Leeds in semi-final of the 1973 F.A. Cup. McGarry was the manager at the time and he wanted both of us to play. I said there's no way the two of us could play but he could take a chance with one and put the other one on the bench. I played and Mike (Bailey) was on the bench. Leeds hammered us but only won 3-0. To this day, McGarry thinks that if we both had played then Wolves would have won. No way!"

The high in Munro's stay with Wolves came in 1977 when the club won the Second Division championship. The lows were when Munro played with Scotland.

"Playing for Scotland was an absolute joke. It was so unprofessional. The training was terrible and so were the team talks."

Munro's last appearances with Scotland were in 1975 against Sweden, Wales, Northern Ireland, England and Rumania. The England game was a nightmare for the Scots. They were thrashed 5-1 at Wembley.

"I felt really confident before the England game but when we reached the end of the race and the Wembley roar greeted us before the match, I looked at the faces of some of the Scottish players and they were white with fear. It was amazing. I never got frightened about playing at Wembley. I'd been told as a youngster that if you can't play at Wembley then you can't play anywhere. I played at Wembley three times and on every occasion I just went out to enjoy myself and did."

Munro joined Glasgow Celtic in 1978 for six months. He stayed in a Glasgow hotel all the time while his family stayed in their Wolverhampton home. Munro was negotiating with Stoke City and Walsall when South Melbourne Hellas coach Dave MacLaren phoned him from Australia and Munro came here in 1979, initially for an eight week stint but after

playing two games, signed a one year contract. Stints with Juventus and

Dickson blasts Polonia's \$10,000 fee

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Wollongong striker Scott Dickson has blasted Sydney Polonia after learning his former club had slapped a \$10,000 transfer fee on him.

Dickson is on a one-year loan to Wollongong from the NSW State League and has established himself in the senior side after making his National League debut against Marconi in May. The Wolves have made early moves to acquire Dickson but received a shock when Polonia repaid with the unrealistic fee.

"This comes as a terrible shock to me," an incredulous Dickson said. "Polonia promised me before I left for Wollongong they would do their utmost to help me improve my game."

"And now they come up with this unbelievable transfer fee. "This is the least thing I expected from a club for which I played for nothing for two seasons."

Dickson said if Polonia would not reduce the transfer fee he would appeal to the NSW Soccer Federation. "And after what they did to me I don't want to play for Polonia again, anyway," Dickson said.

The Wolves had a great chance to buy the player for "peanuts" four months ago when he came along as a virtual unknown and was subsequently given a chance in the senior team by coach Willie Wallace.

But the financially-hit club declined to buy Dickson who has now become one of the best players in the team. Dickson turned in a number of fine games and even scored a couple of goals.

His performance on the field made the headlines and Polonia, which was "monitoring" his progress closely, is trying to cash in on Dickson's success.

Meanwhile, Wollongong will play its remaining 1983 home matches at Showgrounds.

The Wolves and the Showground Trust have come to an agreement whereby the soccer team will use the ground for its matches against Newcastle and Brisbane Lions.

This move comes after severe criticism of the Ziems Park playing surface from all quarters. Wolves chairman Laurie Kelly said the club was moving to the Showground in the interest of "one and all".

Besides having better spectator facilities, the Showgrounds has a better playing surface and would be more accessible to the majority of the Wolves fans.

Collins hits out at coaching switches

Marconi coach Doug Collins has fired a broadside at the lack of stability in club coaching in Australia.



Collins launched his bitter attack on the eve of the departure for England of former Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty, who parted with Olympic after a running battle with supporters.

"Coaches here are on a roundabout, flitting from one club to another and many rarely stay more than one year with the one team," said Collins.

"In England, a coach is retained if his team performs satisfactorily or makes some progress and only clubs which fall back for a new coach.

"But in Australia, a coach has to wait until the end of the season when a committee gets together to discuss the next year to find out whether he's still required when he should be making plans about new players and thinking ahead.

"If you don't have stability at coaching level, there won't be stability at playing level. Stable clubs in the National League stand out like a sore thumb and while club members are allowed to influence the committee there will always be an unstable element."

Collins said the game was making progress, despite claims to the contrary, and the growing number of talented youngsters in first grade teams was visible evidence. "There are six players under 21 in the Marconi team and nearly every other club

has young players coming through the ranks which is good for the game," he said.

"But developing nations need quality coaches to improve their standard and the good coaches will not remain long on the Australian club merry-go-round.

"Players can only learn from people who are better than them, and when we get these top level coaches they should also be used to teach Australian coaches."

Collins played nine seasons in the English League, coached an English first division club and managed a fourth division club.

He introduced youth players into the Marconi team and four of his current squad were in the Australian team which contested the World Youth Championship finals in Mexico last June.

- TED SIMMONS

Big win for Canberra kids

The Majura under 14 team from Canberra commenced their New Zealand tour with a record breaking 10-0 win over North Otago provincial selection.

Although the smallest of New Zealand's soccer provinces, North Otago have gained some respectable results in recent years and this was believed to be their biggest ever loss.

Majura led 9-0 at half time and ended up in the second half. The ACT club's tour consists of thirteen days and seven games in four centres. It is to recapitulate the tour of Rangiora last year.

- PAUL MOON

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Clarinda-Kooyong facing expulsion?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The indefinite suspension of Victorian Provisional League Third Division club Clarinda-Kooyong Rangers last week by the VSF tribunal could throw the promotion and relegation issue within that league into complete turmoil.

Clarinda-Kooyong is alleged to have played a player in a reserves match after transferring him to East Richmond in the Industrial League. The player Dimitriakis, was cautioned while playing for Clarinda-Kooyong reserves after his transfer.

Dimitriakis and the club have failed to appear before the VSF tribunal on the nights of August 24 and September 7. Further failure to appear could result in Clarinda-Kooyong's expulsion from the federation.

Clarinda-Kooyong was suspended from playing its last league game of this season, a home fixture against Pascoe Vale, last Saturday.

Until the player in question and the club appears before the tribunal, the VSF will not be able to ascertain whether or not Clarinda-Kooyong is guilty of playing an ineligible player and, if so, whether this offence took place on more than one occasion.

Remember, we're talking about an offence alleged to have taken place in a reserves match. But if the charges are proved and subsequent investigation finds that the alleged miscreant has played in the Clarinda-Kooyong seniors then all hell will break loose as any clubs which have lost to Clarinda-Kooyong with the alleged miscreant in the team, will claim that they are entitled to be awarded the points.

MALLACOOTA CUP

Nunawading City Old Boys will be defending their trophy when the 12th annual Mallecoota Cup is held on the weekend of October 1 and 2.

Cup organiser Alf Bowerman has 10 tentative starters in this year's competition: Nunawading (from Victoria); Sandringham City (Vic.); Yallourn (Vic.); Mallecoota United (Vic.); Harbord Diggers (NSW); Gawler Bay (NSW); Hornsby RSL (NSW); Fernhill (NSW); Brookvale (NSW) and Suva Lautoka Old Boys.

The Fernhill club from Wollongong, features three Illawarra representative players — Steve Quinn, Peter Thompson and Peter Shepherd — and Shane Jones from Wollongong Wolves' youth team.

The Mallecoota Chamber of Commerce again has thrown its considerable weight behind the competition and organiser Bowerman hopes to have three top flight referees from Victoria, two from the A.C.T. and two from Sydney in charge of the games.

The Mallecoota Cup first was instituted in 1972. Previous winners are: Balmuccia (1972, '73, '74); Harbord Diggers (1975); Williamstown (1976); Concord Juniors (1977, '78); Mallecoota United (1979); Sandringham City (1980); Springvale United (1981); and Nunawading City (1982).

Any of this year's competing clubs with queries regarding accommodation or competition format can contact Alf Bowerman on (051) 58 0250.

Peter Dickson still is out in the cold

Peter Dickson, the temporary visa player dumped by Albion Rovers after being sent off the first time this season against Croydon in a State League game late in July, remains suspended indefinitely by the VSF tribunal.

Dickson, former Scottish international, didn't appear before the tribunal for a simple reason — he didn't even know that his case was being heard, let alone the time and venue and that his presence was required.

"I thought that I was getting an automatic one-week suspension after being sent off for swearing at a team mate. No one at Albion contacted me to tell me that I had to appear before the tribunal, so what sort of justice is this?" asked Dickson.

VSF secretary George Wallace assured me late last week that if Dickson contacts him at Soccer House he will arrange for the sacked Albion striker to appear before the tribunal. Wallace explained that the tribunal reserves the right to either suspend absentees indefinitely or judge their cases in their absence.

Dickson feels hard done by. Understandably so. Many players have failed to appear before the VSF tribunal over the years and few have found themselves suspended indefinitely. And Dickson's alleged offence — foul and abusive language directed at a



Peter Dickson

team mate — seems minor. The referees clamp down on swearing this year smacks of racism. If Dickson spoke say Armenian, or Latvian, chances are that he never would be sent off.

Meanwhile, a man who played over 300 games in the Scottish League, gaining international recognition twice, who joined Albion this year from Green Gully Ajax, the club which imported him in 1982, is left out in the cold.

Dickson claims that he is owed contract money by Albion.

"I was told at half time in the game against Croydon not to come back to Albion, so I haven't gone back and the club still owes me money," he said.

"What makes me sick is all this talk about me being deported. What a load of rubbish. It makes me look bad, and it's just not true. If Albion doesn't want me anymore it has to pay my fare back to Scotland."

"Look, there are other players at Albion with a worse disciplinary record than me. It strikes me that there's one rule for some and another rule for others. I've been fined heavily for missing training but I know of others who haven't turned up for training and haven't been fined."

Dickson is too good a player to be sidelined. It seems that the only way out of his present impasse is for him to contact George Wallace and to appear before the tribunal. Once that matter is resolved, he can then work out his situation with Albion.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

AUSTRALIAN UNDER



Australian under 16 champion, Northern New South Wales, from left, back row: Barry Hamilton, (manager) B Gray, (masseur), Craig Gradwell, Peter McGuinness, Tony Ward, Lonnie Junon, Dane Sharpe, Mark Wahlster, Paul Foster, Andrew Hamilton, Mark Hampson, Warwick Maher, Jim Foley (Coach). Front: Steven Geddes, Ken Costello, Darrén Northam, Russell Turnbull, Peter Nink.



New South Wales, from left: Back row: Jim Giffen (manager), Ross Etherington, Chris Kalantzis, John Venari, Wayne Pierce, Duncan Worthington, Allan Edmondson. Middle row: Andy Watson (masseur) Robert Hooker, Steve Strasshofer, Nick Conradi, Joe Laianca, Greg Lerond, Tony Rapo. Front row: Carlo Spina, Greg Fisher, Alfredo Carmona, Rafael Marco, Rick Monsalve.



Victorian, from left: Back row: Chris Katsakidis, Ugor Jukic, Ross Carrozza, Stuart Lee, Theo Misou. Middle row: Stan Slazyk (manager), Robert Markovac, Con Lages, Chris Simios, George Mihos, Steve Tasios, Paris Tzambazis, Tim White (coach). Front row: Michael McLennan, Con Kiasos, Ernie Tapai, Victor Cristaldo, Jim Pasakos.

Under 15

Victoria came second to Queens goal difference in the national Championships held from August September 3 at Cromer Park, De Sydney.

In a parallel tournament, Victoria Trans Tasman Cup. The competitions round-robin matches with seven states a team from New Zealand. Over all 1 games, Victoria remained undefeated (ceded only one goal (a penalty). However no-score draws proved costly in the competition.

Four boys from Victoria played for A in its 1-0 win against NZ on Sunday, Sep 4. They were: David Healy (Knox City), Sabatino (Fawkner), Jimmy Const (Northcote City) and Michael Ioakimidis.

Additionally, Conrad Noble (Knox C selected for further trials for the Oceania tournament to be held in New Zealand in year. This tournament is for boys 16 August 1, 1988.

Apart from the above boys the V squad was: John Anastasiadis (Foot Jack Back (Melbourne Croatia); Adam (Knox City); Kevin Carfora (Thom Richard Falzon (Sunshine/George Cross Lopatic (Footscray); Tony Narcis (United); Tai Nguy (Sunshine/George Peter Papaziarou (Caulfield City), Pilbeam (Ringwood City) and Eric (Morwell Falcons).

The squad was coached by Tom Newb listed by John Senior, team manager.

The Championship results were: New 0 Victoria 2; South Australia 0 Queen West Australia 1 N.S.W. 5; A.C.T. 0 N.S.W. 4; W.A. 1 v NNSW 0; NZ 0 v NNSW 1; S.A. 0 v A.C.T. 1; Vic 3 v NNSW 1; ACT 0; N.S.W. 0 v S.A. 1; N.Z. 2 v Q 2; Q 2; S.A. 1 v N.Z. 4; N.S.W. 1 v NNSW; ACT 0; ACT 0 v NZ 2; Q 2 v NSW 1; SA 2; WA 0 v Vic 0; N.Z. 3 v NNSW 0; Q 5 v WA 0 v S.A. 6; Vic 0 v NSW 0; SA 0 v Vic 1 v NZ 0; NSW 2 v ACT 0; Q 2 v NNSW 0.

National Championship

	W D L
Queensland	4 1 1
Victoria	3 2 0
South Australia	2 3 1
N.S.W.	3 1 2
West Australia	2 1 3
A.C.T.	1 1 4
Northern N.S.W.	1 0 5

Trans Tasman Cup

	W D L
Victoria	3 0
Queensland	4 2 1
New Zealand	3 2 2
N.S.W.	3 2 2
South Australia	3 1 2
West Australia	3 1 3
A.C.T.	1 0 5
Northern N.S.W.	1 0 8



A.C.T. from left, Back row: John Nelson, Michael Mendez, Richard Tomaszewski, Vlaho Burum, John Vigours, Paul Bamforth, Jim Hawson (coach). Middle row: Jamie Crocker (masseur), Matthew Godfrey, Steven Priestley, Peter Deponte, George Kulser, Bob Fletcher (manager). Front row: Darren Pridle, Michael McGready, Gardner Murray, Frank D'addario, Jorge Cerro.



Tasmania, from left Back: Dave Smith (coach), Brett Porthouse, Lars Koch, Tony Bacic, David Stoddart, Scott Nicholls, Michael Goldsmith. Middle: Steven Bennefield, Kurt Reynolds, Sean Green, Leigh Gillam, Richard Losczynski, Mark Honeyman. Front: Geoff Hallam, Justin Edwards, Ian Hendie, David Clarkson, Richard Wignall.

QSF 'raffle' — 16 remain

The Queensland Soccer Federation restructuring committee has cut to 16 the number of clubs still being considered for next season's 10-team Premier League. They are this year's 12 Premier League clubs, plus Newmarket, Coalstars, Mitchelton and Wynnum, the top four in the First Division.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ward stars as Northern NSW takes the crown

By
LES
SHORROCK

The 1983 national under 16 championships were played between August 29 and September 2, at HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, Victoria.

Pre-tournament favorite was New South Wales, composed mainly of players who had won the 1982 under 15 championships convincingly at Frankston Pines.

But NSW succumbed to

Kiakos future Soccerroo captain?

Victoria by the surprisingly large margin of 3-0 and Victoria looked the logical champion after winning all of its three round one games, scoring five goals without reply.

Victoria probably fell prey to over-confidence because it came down to earth with a bang in its semi-final game against Northern NSW losing 1-2 through an own goal, although it fought back in spirited style and was unlucky enough to hit the woodwork in the closing minutes.

South Australia, which had headed Group B on goal difference from Nth N.S.W. won the other semi-final in exciting style, scoring five penalties to four after drawing 1-1 in the regulation 70 minutes.

So the stage was set for an exciting final between South Australia and Northern NSW, two teams of contrasting styles, which had finished 1-1 in their first encounter.

However, the weather got worse on final day, and the

gale force wind blowing straight down the ground played havoc with ball control and turned the game into a lottery.

South Australian never came to grips with the conditions, and the more direct Northerners, after taking an early lead through a penalty goal against the wind, saw the game out comfortably, with the second-half wind behind them.

South's best player, the stylish Mark Gower limped off with a bad toe.

The outstanding player of the final — indeed, possibly of the whole tournament, was North's Tony Ward.

Others who shone were Robert Hooker and Steve Strasshofer of N.S.W. and Theo Mitsou and Con Kiakos of Victoria.

National coach Les Scheinflug, who watched the championships along with A.I.S. head coach Jim Shouder, was impressed with Kiakos, saying he could be Australia's next youth team captain.



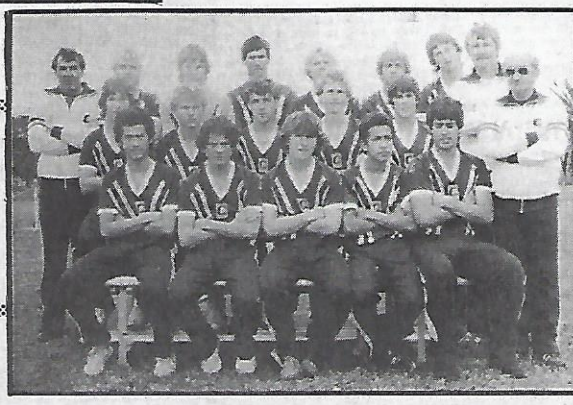
Captain Mark Rayment, commanding officer of HMAS Cerberus, presents the National Under 16 Cup to Darren Northam, captain of Northern New South Wales. Looking on in the background is Ernie Lamb, secretary of Nth NSW.



South Australia, from left — back row: B. Lethbridge (referee), Warwick Sharpe, Phil Scarrigan, Gary Dugan, Chris Tsoeridis, Mark Burrows, Arthur Stamatogiannis, Bob Hollands (mass); middle row: George Docherty (manager); Tim Mullen, Steve Service, Tony Hargreaves, Jason Batten, Steve Aktipis; Jack Braidwood (coach); front row: Mark Gower, Gary Moretti, John Harris, Lou Cristodoulou, Juan Rodriguez.



Queensland from left, back row: Bruce Stowell (coach), Stephen Glover, Gregory Bryant, Mark Falkner, David Falco, Walter Lobwein, John Hulme (masseur); middle row: Mark de Boom, Alan Millican, Thomas Carnavas, Jason Polak, Michael Walker, George Roberts; front row: Mark Bornkessel, Nicholas Meredith, Jamie Webb, Colin Junna, Guy Barbers.



West Australia from left, back row: Nick MacCullum (manager), Alex Cummings, Dean King, Boyd Burkhardt, Gary Rubridge, Ron Tindell (coach), Mark Pasquelotto; middle row: Scott Jarvis, David Lee, Mark Hardwick, Philip Hayman, Mark Candlish, Dimitrios Thomas; front row: Esat Bilaloski, Eddie Semedo, John Ceccan, Sergio Marra, Nicky Giannagostino.

WENS DE JONG

By
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Daily
Advertiser

700th game still going strong

Wens de Jong's lifelong association with soccer has large been responsible for the growth of the game in Wagga.

De Jong, 45, played his 700th game in Wagga recently, when he lined up with Eastlakes reserves against Wagga United at Kooragang Sports Centre.

Although he admitted to being a little slower than when he first pulled on the boots in Wagga in 1956, de Jong loves playing and says he won't be retiring while he can still stand up.

He first tried his hand at soccer as a five year old in Holland but migrated to Australia when he was 18.

De Jong began playing with Turvey Park but switched to a team known as Arsenal the next year.

But he lived in Henwood Park (which is not known as Kooragang) and to give the area some identity decided to form a soccer club.

With the help of his brother Pat, de Jong started what has now become the strongest club in Wagga.

Well, that's according to de Jong anyway!

The club is celebrating its silver anniversary this year.

Henwood Park has so many players in their senior ranks this year they formed two sides within first division and two in the reserve grade competition.

De Jong, a founding life

member of Henwood Park, has played in 17 of the club's 18 first grade premiership teams in the past 24 years.

His devotion is best summed up by Henwood Park first grader Grant Ackroyd, who said de Jong was the driving force behind his (Ackroyd's) career.

"Most kids take up soccer because of the example set by Wens," Ackroyd said.

"The old master... well that's what we all call him... gains a lot of personal pride from Henwood Park and seeing all the players that have progressed over the years."

"Wens has helped a great deal in junior development — you could say he has nurtured me."

De Jong recalled winning a Footballer of the Year award in 1959 sponsored by The Daily Advertiser.

Only last season, his son, Les, 21, took out the Player of the Year award.

Wens also has two other sons, Tony, 15, and nine-year-old Simon of his eight children playing soccer.

De Jong said he would be stepping down as president after 13 years at the end of the season.

VSF annual meeting

The Victorian Soccer Federation will have its annual meeting at the Yarra Room, Olympic Park, on Thursday, October 27.

The following vacancies will arise:

President — John Dimtsis retiring and eligible for re-election.

Vice-president — Eric Heath — retiring and eligible for re-election.

Board member — Lew Stafrace — eligible for re-election.

KLAUS KILLS 'EM DOWN IN TASSIE

By
WALTER
PLESS

Ulverstone coach, Otto Klaus, has had two successes in Tasmania after only two seasons in the State. His team won the state-wide Ampol Cup last year by defeating Juventus-Pioneer in a replay, and this season the club won the northern pre-season Steven Hudson Cup.

Klaus works full-time as a coach on Tasmania's north-west coast. As well as being coach of Northern State League side Ulverstone, he is employed by the North-Western school Soccer Association to coach soccer in the schools.

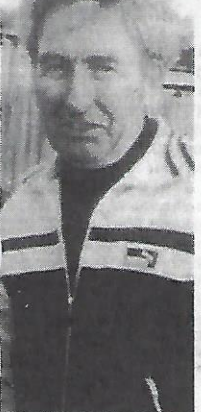
After playing for several teams in West Germany's regional leagues, prior to the establishment of the Bundesliga, Klaus came to Australia in 1964 and played for Bankstown. He coached Concordia in 1972 before returning to West Germany and attending the West German Football Academy in Cologne. Upon returning to Australia, he coached Emmore to promotion to the NSW First Division.

After a stint with Belmore, Klaus received an offer from Tasmania's Ulverstone and he moved there for the start of the 1982 season.

Although the club didn't win the Combined North and North-west State league title this year (Devonport won that honour), Klaus was appointed as Northern coach for the series against the State League South. His aim is to eventually coach in Hobart.

"My target would be coach in Hobart," he says.

"I still believe they have the better players there and a harder competition. I have nothing against the north, but, being somewhat ambitious, that would suit me more."



Otto Klaus

80 dreams come true

The UK youth soccer holidays, organised by Stephens Sport Travel of Sydney, have been booked out for January, with 80 boys preparing for the trip of a lifetime.

The trip includes coaching by top-line English First Division players, and visits to Ipswich Town, Manchester United, Aston Villa and Cambridge United.

Additional tours have been organised for March, May and December 1984.

In May, Stephens Travel has Australian representative teams travelling to Ipswich for the Ipswich Cup, the largest junior competition in England, with teams from many countries.

Further information about soccer tours are available from Steven Travel, 5th floor, 88 Pitt Street, Sydney, 2000, phone (0) 231 3833, telex AA22587.

It's all over bar the shouting!

Congratulations are in order. Green Gully Ajax is the 1983 Victorian State League champion for the third successive year. Well done, Gully!

I don't care if I'm accused of jumping the gun. I don't care if Ajax coach David Smallman, president Guy Spiteri, Treasurer Arnold Langer or team manager Mario Borg or, indeed, all four, castigate me for lulling the team into a false sense of security. Because if they do then they are being less than honest.

Now, come on lads, we all know that the Gully is going to beat South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday and Doveton the following Sunday. Don't we? At least, I do.

I'll come clean. I thought

that there was the slightest of chances that Gully would maybe, perhaps, possibly, on the off chance, on a bad day, almost, could slip up against Fawkner at Smith Reserve last weekend. The thought was in the back of my mind, just a thought, certainly not a hope. Had I hoped for a Gully hiccup I would have added credibility to the accusations against me from two Ajax supporters earlier this year. But they were wrong. I'm not a Croatia supporter.

How I wish that these two argient green and white fans



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

were in my company at Middle Park last Saturday when Croatia president Joe Sigur publicly announced that not only was I a Green Gully fan but that I was somehow trying to sabotage Croatia's championship chances.

Mr. Sigur, sir. How could I possibly do that? Others more

cally, without fear or favor, and simply loyalty — I support Sandringham City.

There, I've finally owned up. Now, perhaps club administrators like my very fine friend, Joe Sigur, can leave me in peace when their club doesn't win league championships. It's not my fault. None of your players have taken bribes. The coach isn't a dummy. There's no intrigue to fuel your conspiracy flames. You just weren't good enough. And that's the most honest admission I've never heard yet from an administrator.

Let's get down to previewing this Sunday's round of games.

Ajax will beat Hellas; Morwell will lose to Juventus;

Croatia will beat Doveton; Northcote will lose to Croynodon; Ringwood Wilhelmina will be pipped by Fawkner; Polonia will beat Albion; and Box Hill will draw

Sunshine George Cross at Wembley Park.

But let's be honest. Who cares?

The title race has been run. Wilhelmina reckons that the NSL realisation will save its neck from the noose of relegation and Hellas couldn't care less. It won't be seen in State League next year anyway as it will join a new youth league composed of Victorian NSL clubs.

Can anyone out there remember the days when you struggled to not finish in the last two spots in your league

because that meant that you would drop down into a lower league?

We'll all end up telling our grandchildren about it I suspect.

They probably won't believe us.

SUNDAY

POLONIA V Albion Rovers at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.
Morwell V JUVENTUS at North Crigean Reserve, 3pm.
Northcote V CROYDON at Johnnie Reserve, 3pm.
Wilhelmina V FAWKNER at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
G.G. AJAX V Hellas at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
CROATIA V Doveton at Olympic Park, 1.30pm.
Box Hill V.S.G. Cross (draw) at Wembley Park, 3pm.

Loughnane wins it

CROYDON 1 (I. Loughnane 70th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kestner 7 — Rainey 6, Dobson 7, Marley 8, Hobson 7.

Italian two still talking

The silling negotiations for a merger of Fawkner and Thomastown, are not beyond revival.

Thomastown members voted against the merger last week, but it seems they were under the mistaken impression that Thomastown would be "taken over" by Fawkner.

"That is not the case," said Fawkner president Greg Schipano.

"As a result of amalgamation, a brand new club would be formed, and it would be run jointly by the people of both Thomastown and Fawkner."

Further meetings are planned.

Leading NSL officials meanwhile, have made it clear that by amalgamating, Fawkner and Thomastown would receive much more favorable consideration for a place in the enlarged NSL next season.

Fawkner, however, will press for an NSL place regardless of its continuing talks with Thomastown.

"We have big plans at Fawkner, and we have a lot to offer to the NSL," Schipano said.

Brown 7, Rooney (inj.) 1. Loughnane 18th, 81, Wade 8 — Irvine 7, G. McLeod 6, Sweeney 6, Coach: Ted Diworth.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 8 — G. McLeod 8 (Penalty 70th), Brooks 8, Pate 6, Verniers 8 — Alarcon 7, Burton 7, Kevin Davis 7 — Thom 7 (White 80th), Garvey 8, Stewart 7. Coach: Rudi van Alstene.

On this performance, Croydon simply will be making up the numbers in this year's State League Cup competition.

But let's not take away anything from Ringwood Wilhelmina, which battled hard all afternoon and was unlucky not to come away with a point.

The Dutch-sponsored outfit had two good chances to take the lead in the first half. In the 15th minute, fine work out wide on the right by Neil Gravel, left Ian Dobson flourishing. Garvey's far post cross was met firmly by Kenny Stewart but the Wilhelmina winger's header struck a post. Later in the half, after a goalmouth scramble, Gravel punted the ball just wide.

Jimmy Rooney's early injury forced him off, but also forced Croydon to reshuffle. Ian Loughnane, Rooney's replacement, came on wide up front with Steve Irvine dropping back into midfield.

Croydon's former leading scorer matched the winner with about 20 minutes to go. Oscar Alarcon, doing well in his State League debut for Wilhelmina, was helpless as Loughnane cut inside him, then hammered a firm drive into the far corner.



Juventus captain and assistant coach, Paddy Bannon.

UK import for Falcons?

ALBION ROVERS 0 MORWELL FALCONS 0 at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 — Melvor 8, Hennessy 8, F. Macdonald 8, Gale 3 — Coyle 7, Reilly 8, A. Bennett 6 — Forrie 6, D'Sylva 7, Smart 8. Coach: Hugh Murney.

MORWELL FALCONS: Presios 7 — Bingham 8, Young 8, Higham 6, Train 8 — Irvine 6, Bazzina 6, Macdonald 8 — O'Callaghan 5 — Hinton 7. Coach: Tony Boggi.

Morwell Falcons hope to import a former Nottingham Forest and Norwich City defender before the end of the season. The Latrobe Valley club has sent a contract to the player in question and only will release his name once he has signed.

Big spending Falcons were held to a draw by Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park on Saturday in a hard, physical clash.

WILLIAMS BEST

FAWKNER 0 GREEN GULLY AJAX 4 (Hogben 53rd, Paul Lewis 65th, 75th, 87th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 6 — Sabbadini 7, Kondorovic 7, Fattore 6, Schipano 6 — Cravalotto 7, B. Sabidussi (inj.), C. Sabidussi 8th, 61, Bozika 7, Anselma 6 — Palankas (inj.), Petrocelli 2nd, 61, Cossetta 6. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 8, Short 8, Cannell 8, Hogben 8 — Vassallo 7, Boyle 7, Williams 9 — Toal 6, Smallman 6, Paul Lewis 8. Coach: David Smallman.

A Paul Lewis hat-trick during Ajax's four-goal second half romp highlighted this Smith Reserve clash with visitor Ajax virtually clinching a third successive championship with this vital away win.

Fawkner was without suspended central striker Ian Tuffield and its cause was harmed further with the early losses of Joe Palankas and Bruno Sabidussi, both due to injury. Two minutes into the game, Palankas had to be replaced by Ralph Petrocelli and six minutes later Bruno Sabidussi

JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 28th, 54th, P. Bannon penalty 48th), BOX HILL 1 (Lawler 14th) at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 — V. Baske 7, Drinocsky 7, P. Bannon 8, Hird 7 — Cullen 8, Lloyd 7, Nelson 8 — French 6, Incantalupo (sent off 74th), Zinni 8 (inj.), Swincoe 6th. Coach: John Margulies.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — I. Roodhouse 8, Lawler 7, Brownlie 6, A. Roodhouse 7 — Hughes 6, Talmie 6, Miranda (sent off 70th), McDonald 5, (Keenan 56th) — Valentine 7, Assouline 5 (K. Valente 7th). Coach: Bill Murray.

The price Juventus paid for victory here may not be immediately known. That depends on the referees' report which may force Fabio Incantalupo to appear before the VSF tribunal after serving an

automatic one week suspension this weekend for being sent off in the 74th minute here.

Four minutes earlier tough Box Hill midfielder Richard Miranda was sent off after fouling Graham French.

Juventus started off against Box Hill in slow motion until the last 10 minutes of the first half. From this point on, the black and whites dominated.

And Juve's price for success may be more costly than the loss of Soccerco youth star Incantalupo. Young Andrew Zinni, in leaping high over a ferocious Alan Roodhouse tackle in the 60th minute, landed awkwardly, dislocating a shoulder, and seems certain to be sidelined for a couple of weeks.

Incantalupo was most unhappy with being sent off. With

some justification. He felt that he had been fouled by Alan Roodhouse and his reaction found him receiving his marching orders for alleged foul and abusive language.

The Hillmen struck first after just 14 minutes. A corner from their right, low across the box, saw the ball fall to Peter Verechia who hit a first time shot which was blocked by Gary Clayton, the ball ricocheting onto the bar. From the rebound, central defender Don Lawler made it 1-0 with a header from close in.

Juve equalised in the 28th minute. Good work by Paddy Bannon ended with Incantalupo sending a superb through ball for Rob Cullen to run onto. Cullen, on the right, knocked in a low centre which was deflected by tireless midfielder Jim Nelson onto Zinni and the youngster's first time

shot sent the ball into the bottom left hand corner of goal.

Three minutes into the second half Juventus took the lead, courtesy of a rather dubious penalty decision. Zinni got possession after a goalmouth scramble. He seemed to knock the ball too far away from himself then took an excellent dive in the ball's direction and a penalty was awarded. Captain and assistant coach, Paddy Bannon had little trouble converting.

The clincher for Juve came in the 54th minute. Vince Bannon got free of the right and sent over a superb near post cross. Nelson's brave diving header set-up Zinni for a low, first time shot and the black and whites had this match well won.

— MICK O'BRIEN

INCANTALUPO, MIRANDA SENT OFF

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 2 (Pate penalty 12th, Gilder 51st) NORTHCOTE 1 (Moore 23rd) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 7 — McKinlay 6, Scerri 6, O'Reilly 7, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 7, Pate 7 — McGorlan 6, Gilder 8, Bain 6. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 8 — Mihos 5, Basikis 6, Creany 7, Katsidis 5 — Wilson 6, Quigley 7, Moore 8 — Constantinou 5, Tsetsos 5, Cullina 8. Coach: Tony Vrina.

Northcote officials were incensed with referee Lou Hammes after the match for allowing the combine's decisive second goal which seemed to be handled by Gerry Bennett.

The combine captain appeared to push the ball forward with a hand, into Carl Gilder's path and Gilder tapped it to make it 2-1 in the 51st minute. And that proved to be the final result.

The combine should have regained the lead in the 35th minute when George Miho's mistimed clearance sent the ball to the feet of Mick McGorlan, unmarked and confronted by Giannopoulos but McGorlan's first time try sent the ball wide.

After Gilder's controversial goal in the second half, Giannopoulos was troubled by superb long range attempts from Pate and John Stevenson but the Northcote keeper pulled off fine saves.

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DOVETON: S. Keogh 6 — Weston 8, Corka 7, Gadsby 7, G. McLeod 6, Wilson 6, Miller 6, Keogh 7th, Thurlow 6, Miller 6, Webster 8, Striton 5, M. Lannon 5. Coach: Hammy McMechan.

POLONIA: Dzielskiowski 7 (inj. Darch 7th), Lipiak 6, McShane 6, Mile 7, Smolenski 7, G. Czapnik 7, Tront 9, Petrov 8 — Lakić 7, Dzielskiowski 8, Krynski 7. Coach: Leszek Dzielskiowski.

Polonia went back to playing the ball short, rather than pumping long, high hopeful balls upfield, and reaped a deserved reward against a very disappointing Doveton.

Midfielder Joe Tront, back in the starting line-up after recovering from a viral complaint, was the playmaker in this area. His disposal combined with the tireless efforts of young George Petrov were the keys to Polonia's success.

A fine interpassing move involving Tront, Petrov and Greg Czapnik in the 9th minute picked up the Petrov sending Alex Marshall clear. The huge Polonia striker hammered the ball past Sean Keogh from about 15 metres to make it 1-0.

Polonia went further ahead in the 56th minute. Tront did well to shield the ball from two opponents inside the Doveton area then passed to Brendan Lakić. His shot had the pace taken off it by Keogh and presented Marshall with a simple tap in.

Ian Striton and Stan Webster had second half chances after being sent through by fine Graham Watson's passes but failed to capitalise.

The match highlight came in the final minute and gave Doveton fans their only chance to cheer all day. Marshall picked up the ball on the half way line and started off on one of his now famous charges. The big man surged past three opponents and burst clear into a one-on-one against Keogh, only to slip and futter into the chance of getting his hat-trick.

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Polonia	10	6	8	36	31	26
Box Hill	10	4	10	33	35	24
Fawkner	10	4	10	37	47	24
S. Geo. Cross	10	3	11	37	34	23
Northcote	9	4	11	32	42	22
Morwell F.	8	5	11	26	39	21
Doveton	7	3	14	28	42	17
Albion R.	5	5	14	14	38	15
Wilhelmina	4	2	18	20	57	10
Hellas	1	5	18	22	65	7

Bowles Shield, Oct. 1 and 2

Mooroolbark Junior Soccer Club will hold its annual "William Bowles" Shield competition on October 1 and 2.

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Gray on the mend

Albion Rovers midfielder Eddie Gray, operated on three weeks ago after splitting the knee cap in his left leg playing against South Melbourne Hellas, expects to be out of plaster within a month and will start physiotherapy.

The former Hellas player, who joined Albion on a temporary visa this year, expects to be granted permanent residency soon, and is confident of making a complete recovery from his serious injury.

Gray, 23, ex-Kilmarnock, starred in Ballieston's replay win in the 1980 Scottish Junior Cup against Benbur.

Soccer around the world

Maradona withheld

By
PAUL MOON

Plans by Argentinian national team manager Carlos Bilardo have failed to persuade Barcelona to release Diego Maradona for the vital South American championship clash with arch rivals Brazil in Rio on September 14.

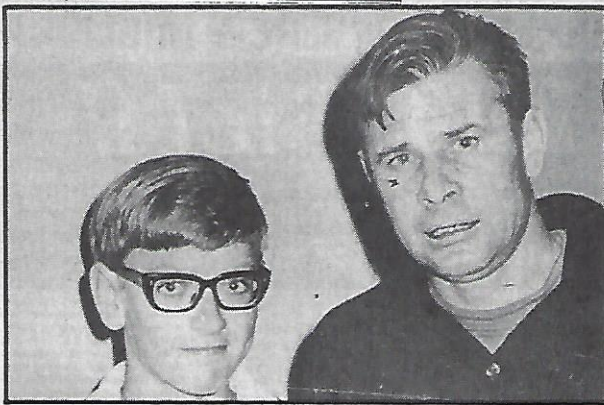
Ironically, it was Bilardo's predecessor Cesar Menotti, now the Barcelona coach, who torpedoed any hopes of Maradona representing his country, insisting that the superstar would be required for the first leg of Barcelona's European Cup Winners' Cup tie with FC Magdeburg, also on the 14th.

Having defeated Brazil for the first time in 13 years last month, Argentina will be anxious for confirmation of its current superiority.

Both Argentina and Brazil however are becoming increasingly pessimistic about their chances of success in the next World Cup, as they see more and more of their talent drain away to Italy, Spain and France.

Maradona was one of four Argentine squad members who remained in Europe after the last Mundialito. Another five prominent internationals have crossed the Atlantic in recent months.

Brazil too is bemoaning the loss of key players. The much-publicised transfers of Zico and Toninho Cerezo proved to be merely the tip of the iceberg, as Italian clubs have also lured up-and-coming Brazilian stars to their colors.



Lev Yashin (right), in Sydney in 1970 with admiring fan Anthony Rutter, 13, of Balgowlah Boys High.

Yashin looks back at the good old times



Jimmy Smart — scored against Yashin.

It was 20 years ago that Lev Yashin kept goal for the Rest of the World against England at Wembley, and 13 years ago that he played in Australia, during a tour with Dynamo Moscow in 1970.

Remember that tour? It started with a 3-3 draw with NSW, after which Yashin, then 41, hailed NSW players Max Tolson, Adrian Alston and Don Sandell as being "of European standard."

In Melbourne, Victorian State player Jimmy Smart had the distinction of scoring against the great Yashin, for a half-time score-line of 1-1.

But then Dynamo brought on its big guns, resulting in a 7-1 victory. Moscow's scorers that day were Chislenko 2, Senin 2, Avruski, Larin and Eshtrekov. Victoria did better the following year, when it held Dynamo to a scoreless draw in another tour by the Soviet.

Yashin, undoubtedly was the major drawcard of those early tours, and his life today is still in football.

NICHOLAS LOUIS recently interviewed Yashin for "World Soccer" magazine.

Louis met Yashin in his first-floor office in the USSR Sports Committee building — just opposite Moscow's central Lenin stadium.

Today Lev Ivanovich heads the soccer section of the Sports Committee which supervises domestic sporting events and organises Soviet teams' trips abroad.

At 53 Yashin looks very fit for his age. The greying sideburns and lines on his forehead tell their own story — that of the but of the longest-playing goalkeeper in Soviet soccer history. It has been said that he was the best goalkeeper of all time.

As seen by Yashin, goalkeeper is and always has been the most important and demanding position on the team.

He says "I am not saying this because I was a goalkeeper, but because just one or two mistakes on the part of the keeper in an important match can write off months and possibly years of training of the whole team. A poor performance by the keeper should not be taken as a reflection on the team as a whole."

"A goalkeeper must not only try as hard as any other player, but he also must help his team out in a tight spot. Dayev, for instance, played well in Spain, but his performance cannot be called brilliant. He could have saved our team from defeat in the match with Brazil, where two goals were scored from outside the penalty area."

"This is not to say that all balls hit from over 20 metres

can be saved every situation is different. What a goalkeeper must do is concentrate throughout the 90 minutes of the game. The strain of the match is not so much physical as psychological."

"The comparatively low level of physical stress allows goalkeepers to continue playing for a long time. Take Dino Zoff who has only just retired at 41. One cannot specify the age until which a goalkeeper may stay on, it depends entirely on the individual."

"The general rule is, however, that with time comes experience. A midfield player may reach his peak by the time he is 24 or 25. A goalkeeper can continue improving into his late 20s or early 30s. The key factor is experience."

Yashin's career began in 1948 while he was doing his military service. He was spotted during a match at Moscow's Dynamo stadium by Arkady Chernyshev who was the Dynamo youth team trainer. The following year Yashin was moved up into the main team as reserve goalkeeper to "Tiger" Alexei Khomich.

After a particularly unsatisfying season, Yashin tried his hand in ice-hockey — the winter substitute for soccer in the Soviet Union. In ice-hockey Yashin won his first medals and it was in the Dynamo hockey team that he earned his first USSR Cup. But in 1953 a choice had to be made between ice-hockey and football. Yashin chose the latter and from 1954 he was playing for the national team.

By 1957 Yashin had won 78 caps. In 1958 he played in the Melbourne Olympics in which his team took the gold medals. But his most memorable season was 1958 when he played in the World Cup in Sweden.

He still remembers playing against England team who included Billy Wright and the formidable centre-forward Derek Kevan. Another match Yashin remembers is the quarter-final against Brazil.

He says "With such stars as Nilton Santos, Didi and Garrincha they made up a very formidable side. Garrincha scored both goals (Brazil won 2-0), but were we to have to play the same game again, I would not have chosen a different set of defenders. Krizherky, Kesarev and Kuznetsov. That was also the first international game in the career of 17-year-old Pele, but our defence did well in keeping him at bay."

In 1963 Yashin was named best European Footballer of the Year, the only occasion on which the trophy was awarded to a goalkeeper.

The highlight of Yashin's career came when he was selected to play for the FIFA World team at Wembley. Although the game was lost 2-1, for Yashin recalls that despite language barriers, all the world players understood one another perfectly.

"When bringing the ball into play I never once had to search around for an opening, someone was always ready and in position. Nobody needed any prompting — every player knew his exact place on the pitch. I was sorry when half-time came, because as 18 players were selected for the



Arthur Cherrie

Dunedin-born Arthur Cherrie, a key member of the successful Doveton sides of 1980 and 1981, has revealed he would love to play Victoria State League soccer again if the opportunity arises.

Cherrie, a claims officer for the Commercial Union Insurance Company, moved to Otago last year on a job transfer and was immediately snapped up by Rothmans' New Zealand National League club Dunedin City.

He made seven appearances for 3rd-placed City at the tail end of the 1982 campaign during which his control and distribution in midfield marked him as a player of real class.

Unfortunately, 1983 has proved a severe disappointment. Transferred to Dunedin Technical, which has spent the entire season at the bottom of the Rothmans' League, injury-dogged Cherrie has been restricted to a handful of first-team games.

Cherrie finds NZ inferior

Little wonder then that the time at Doveton is recalled with affection, particularly his taste of Victorian State League football, which he considers to be of a higher overall standard than New Zealand's premier competition.

A Victoria under 16 representative, Cherrie made his senior debut for Dandenong City as a 15-year-old and subsequently wore the colors of Frankston Pines and Springvale City, before joining Doveton in 1980.

With the Doves, he won a Metropolitan League Division One Championship medal in his initial season and during the following term was an ever-present and leading goalscorer for the newly-promoted club. Doveton finished a creditable fourth in the State League and was runner-up in the State League Cup.

— PAUL MOON



Max Tolson (right) — praised by Yashin — in action against South Korea's Cha Bum Keun.

Young Kiwi for Hibs

From **JIM COOK**
our European correspondent

Scottish Premier League side Hibernian look set to sign 17-year-old New Zealand midfielder Stewart Jacobs. Stewart's Kiwi club Manawatu United was so convinced he would make the grade that it spent over 6000 New Zealand dollars to send him to Easter Road for trials which have been highly successful. Now Manawatu look set for a substantial pay-off. Jacobs has been capped for New Zealand at youth level.

Charlie Nicholas, Arsenal's golden \$15 million buy from Celtic, already has made his mark in English soccer and with the fans at Highbury. His tremendous skills and goal-scoring ability have brought him the title of "Daily Mirror" soccer writer Harry Miller that he is the best since George Best, while Jimmy Greaves, probably the greatest goalscorer in modern English soccer, reckons Charlie can be as good as Dalglish. And Arsenal's average crowd of last season of around 25,000, was boosted to nearly 40,000 in their new-season opener.

Willie Young, the ex-Aberdeen, Spurs, Arsenal and Scotland central defender, has moved from Nottingham Forest to Norwich City for a fee reported to be around \$100,000.

Steve Hunt, Coventry City's 27-year-old midfield star, was kicked out of the new season by a club supporter. Hunt broke a toe in a tackle against Coventry Supporters Club side in a practice game only days before the new season's kick-off.

Former New York Cosmos idol Giorgio Chinaglia, now the big boss and owner of his former Italian club Lazio, is having difficulties with Italy's star striker Bruno Giordano. Bruno, offered around \$860,000 on a three-year contract, is demanding double that figure.

Jesper Olsen, the wonder boy of Danish soccer, looks certain to miss the crucial European Championship battle against England at Wembley on September 21. Olsen, the 22-year-old who is said to be beyond price in the European transfer market, damaged his ankle playing for his Dutch side Ajax. A fracture is suspected which could put him out of action for two months.

Top England referee Welshman Clive Thomas is defying soccer's ruling powers in an amazing one-man war on the game's cheats this season. Thomas is ignoring the order of the Football Association and FIFA by his insistence to send off players who commit professional fouls. The much-respected Taffy says he will interpret the pro foul as serious foul play.

Frustrated Flamengo coach Carlos Alberto, skipper of Brazil when they won the World Cup in 1970, has quit the club along with the president after the sale of ace Zico to Udinese for \$6 million misfired. Flamengo fans have been up in arms since Zico went, the club was recently beaten 3-0 by arch rival Botafogo and they succeeded in gunning down Alberto and the president who both admit it was their mistake allowing Brazil's highest-paid player to go foreign.

Dutch move up

Holland beat Iceland 3-0 (half-time 3-0) in a European championship Group Seven qualifying match in Groningen last week.

Score: R. Koeman, Gullit, Heutman.

Attendance: 10,000

GROUP SEVEN

P W D L F A Pts

Spain..... 5 1 0 11 5 11

Holland..... 5 3 1 12 3 7

Ireland..... 5 2 1 7 7 5

Malta..... 1 1 1 5 3 3

Next match: Iceland v Ireland, Sept 21

In Oslo, Bulgaria beat Norway 2-1 (half-time 1-1) in a Group Four match.

Score: A. Radev, A. Radev (4th minute).

Bulgaria: Mladenov (11), Zdravkov (60).

Attendance: 15,000

GROUP FOUR

P W D L F A Pts

Wales..... 2 1 0 4 5 3

Norway..... 4 1 1 2 6 3

Yugoslavia..... 3 1 1 6 7 3

Bulgaria..... 4 1 1 2 5 3

Next match: Norway v Wales, Sept 21

In Budapest, the Soviet Union beat Hungary 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in an Olympic qualifying match.

Scorer: Chemikov (90th minute).

And in Karl-Marx-Stadt, East Germany beat Poland 3-1 (half-time 1-0) in an Olympic qualifying match.

Score: East Germany: Raab (5th, Pastor (82), Pilz (86). Poland: Zgultaczynski (65).

Attendance: 12,000.

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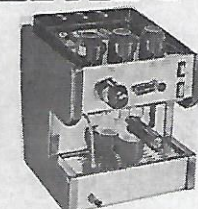
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LA JUVE VINCE A CARO PREZZO

Passando ai risultati della domenica calcistica notiamo il buon risultato della Juventus contro il Box Hill, un 3-1 che non fa una grinza. Purtroppo la partita è stata rovinata da espulsioni ed infortuni. Fabio Incantello si è beccato il cartellino rosso e dovrà osservare un turno di riposo che poi non è l'ka fine del mondo perché il prossimo avversario è il Morwell, ma quello che è più grave è che il ragazzo si è rovinato ogni possibilità di ben figurare nella "Rothmans Medal" e potrebbe rischiare di farsi una reputazione con gli arbitri che ovviamente lo terranno più d'occhio nel futuro; quello che è peggio è che il suo peccato è stato uno "di lingua" e non di scorrettezza. Un ragazzo come lui che ha partecipato a due coupe del mondo giovanili avrebbe dovuto imparare molto bene che con l'arbitro non si discute, l'infornuto a Zini e anche da scrivere ad una follia di gioventù". Il ragazzo aveva fatto ad allora fatto un pariteno e segnato due reti e la Juventus dominava in lungo ed in largo, era perciò tempo di non correre più rischi perché è ovvio che con la sua grinta e con la sua velocità il ragazzo irrita le difese avversarie che, dai e dai, finiscono per perdere le staffe e ricorrere a rimedi di forza. Zini deve stare molto attento su questo punto e cercare di non esagerare con la sua irruenza giovanile per poter aspirare ad una lunga, e indubbiamente brillante, carriera. E' questo l'unico caso in cui ci siamo mai trovati a dover suggerire ripetutamente ad un giocatore di "far di meno" e speriamo che il ragazzo ci dia ascolto.

IL FAWKNER SI RIPETE

Il Fawkner si è ripetuto contro il Croatia e il Green Gully nelle ultime due settimane incassando un totale di 10 reti in due partite come aveva fatto nell'andata, nonostante il miglioramento che aveva fatto vedere fra le due doppie stangate. Questi risultati sono appunto quelli che mettono a nudo l'abisso che c'è fra il terzetto di testa (Green Gully, Croatia e Juventus) e il resto del gruppo. Un controsenso potrebbe essere il fatto che il Fawkner ha pareggiato due volte meritatamente con la Juventus che a sua volta ha battuto due volte il principale giustiziere del Fawkner, il Croatia, ed una volta il Green Gully. Più che un controsenso questo dovrebbe far capire di che cosa è possibile una squadra modesta quanto incontra una squadra forte verso la quale nutre sentimenti di completa avversione sia a livello dirigenziale che a livello di giocatori e soprattutto, di ex giocatori di una squadra che ora militano nell'altra. Come abbiamo detto in precedenza se il Fawkner riuscisse a giocare tutte le sue partite con la stessa caparbia voglia di vincere che mette in mostra contro la Juventus, avrebbe sicuramente vinto il campionato. Ordinaria amministrazione il pareggio ad occhio del Morwell sul campo dell'Albion.

Il campionato statale si sta ormai avviando a conclusione con una certa sornionità perché c'è rimasto solo un minimo di interesse in cima alla classifica dove il Croatia conduce ancora con un punto di distacco dal Croatia ma, anche se minimo, questo distacco appare ormai incolmabile nelle due rimanenti partite.

A fondo classifica, altra zona tradizionalmente interessante in questo periodo dell'anno, tutto è ormai scontato de tempo con l'Hellas fermamente arroccato nella posizione di fanalino di coda ed il Ringwood suo degno rincalzo. Ma queste due squadre, che forse si cullano sapendo che il salto di quattro squadre dalla lega statale a quella nazionale eviterà loro la retrocessione, potrebbero avere una amara sorpresa quando le nuove leghe saranno annunciate all'inizio della nuova stagione che ufficialmente comincia con il 1 Dicembre. La VSF non ha ancora deciso nulla di ufficiale, ma noi crediamo che le

ultime due classificate di ogni lega (metropolitana e provinciale incluse) saranno regolarmente retrocesse prima che le promozioni a tavolino vengano decise. Potrà quindi darsi benissimo che Ringwood e Hellas dovranno fare il salto nella lega metropolitana e quindi essere considerate per la ripromozione assieme a tante altre squadre che faranno domanda: può darsi perciò che le squadre di prima, seconda o addirittura altre divisioni inferiori verranno preferite alle retrocesse della lega statale; e lo stesso metro varrà per tutte le altre divisioni della federazione. Sicuramente si vedranno salti fenomenali in avanti poiché le autorità calcistiche sono intenzionate a portare nella competizione molto sangue nuovo. Il Bulleen, per esempio, dalla prima divisione della lega provinciale potrebbe saltare cinque divisioni e trovarsi nella lega statale; il Thomastown potrebbe fare lo stesso approdo anche se il salto non sarà tanto lungo poiché partirebbe dalla seconda divisione della lega metropolitana; il Westall è un'altra squadra che ha buone possibilità di guadagnare dalla ristrutturazione delle leghe.

Tutto dipenderà da come i vari club riusciranno a presentare il loro caso alla speciale commissione della VSF. In linea generale le domande di promozione a tavolino saranno esaminate sulla base di solidità amministrativa e finanziaria, seguito di pubblico e posizione geografica del club. Per questo ultimo fattore sarà difficile, per esempio, che delle squadre dei sobborghi occidentali potranno ottenere grosse promozioni a tavolino perché la zona è ormai saturata di club ad un certo livello con i vari Green Gully, Sunshine, George Cross e Albion Rovers già nella lega statale e Albion, Western Suburbs, St. Albans, Albion Gate, ecc. nelle varie divisioni della lega metropolitana. Alquanto difficile anche la posizione delle squadre dei sobborghi centrali, che si trovano nella zona di maggiore influenza delle grandi squadre (Juventus, Croatia, Hellas, JUST, ecc.), ma discuto e analizzo però le possibilità dell'East Brunswick, che, oltre ad un rendimento apprezzabile lungo un arco di diversi anni, può ora contare anche sulla solida base dell'Albion Club che a sua volta significa influenza con il comune e seguito da parte dei soci del club.

Naturalmente il fattore che più influenzerebbe la federazione rispetto alle promozioni a tavolino è sempre la fusione di due club, e non solo la federazione del Victoria ma anche la lega nazionale che ha avuto sempre questo "pallino". Ed è qui che purtroppo Fawkner e Thomastown hanno saputo prendere la palla al balzo poiché le loro trattative tendenti alla fusione sembra siano andate a picco a causa del rifiuto dei soci del Thomastown. Noi siamo ancora dell'avviso, espresso la settimana scorsa, che i due club hanno tutto da guadagnare e nulla da perdere da una tale mossa, ma, come appunto abbiamo

detto in tale occasione, tale operazione è molto delicata e bisogna affrontarla con maggiore preparazione e senso pratico di quello che hanno fatto i due comitati. Innanzitutto il venerdì precedente alle rispettive assemblee straordinarie dei soci i due presidenti dei sodalizi si sono fatti tentare di apparire in un programma televisivo per discutere la faccenda; ovviamente i soci se ne sono risentiti perché la cosa è stata resa di pubblico dominio prima ancora che loro fossero stati interpellati ufficialmente; secondariamente le assemblee si sono trovate a prendere una decisione piuttosto che avallare una decisione presa dal comitato e ben sorretta da uno studio della situazione attuale e di quella futura con e senza la fusione. Bisogna sempre tenere presenti che la gente in generale è contraria a drastici cambiamenti, perciò sta al comitato presentare la cosa in modo tanto lampante che i soci si trovano nella impossibilità di non accettarla. In linea di massima i dirigenti di un club sono le persone più esperte e più capaci di quel club; secondariamente una cosa importante come la fusione è tutta ovviamente discussa e soppesata diverse volte in comitato prima di raggiungere una certa convinzione. Si vorrebbe quindi con una sola riunione far capire ai soci che ovviamente hanno meno esperienza e meno capacità di assorbire i motivi, dietro la raccomandazione del comitato. Questo è umanamente impossibile e non è meraviglioso affatto perciò il rifiuto da parte dei soci del Thomastown ai quali è stato chiesto di dare il "sì" o il "no" in una serata. Questa riunione avrebbe dovuto essere un primo incontro con i soci per dare loro i fatti e le raccomandazioni del comitato per farli pensarci sopra e per rispondere alle varie domande che molti ovviamente avrebbero voluto fare se non ci fosse stata la pressione di decidere in serata. Una seconda, e magari una terza, riunione avrebbe dovuto dare il verdetto finale. Oltre a queste considerazioni c'è anche il fatto che i membri individuali del comitato dovrebbero accettare la decisione di maggioranza dello stesso e non cercare di influenzare i soci singolarmente. Se il comitato raccomanda una certa decisione si intende che tutti i membri del comitato la raccomandano, alcuni naturalmente ne sono più convinti degli altri e la potranno esporre meglio ai soci, mentre i dirigenti che non sono a favore ovviamente non ne potranno parlare altrettanto bene ma non dovrebbero però nemmeno parlarne male. Sembra inoltre che all'assemblea del Thomastown circa metà dei partecipanti non erano soci, ma semplicemente simpatizzanti. Questo è molto irregolare poiché da che mondo è mondo ad assemblee dove bisogna votare, specie se su un ordine del giorno soltanto, partecipano solo i soci in regola con il tesseramento e non i tifosi, nemmeno quelli che vanno a tutte le partite.

Crediamo perciò che la decisione "unanime" dei "soci" del Thomastown sia stata falsata da tutta una serie di fattori negativi e che il Fawkner, da parte sua, non ha fatto alcunché per rassicurare i soci del Thomastown che il loro attuale club non sarebbe stato assorbito e quindi fatto sparire. E' il Fawkner, come club più grande, a dover dare questo senso di sicurezza ai soci del club più piccolo perché a nessuno piace veder scomparire anni di duro lavoro e ritrovarsi soci di secondo grado di un club che fino a ieri hanno considerato "nemico". Noi crediamo fermamente che ci siano tutte le premesse per un felice e fruttifero matrimonio fra Fawkner e Thomastown ed esortiamo i rispettivi comitati a fare il loro "home work" molto meglio prima di ripresentarsi di fronte ai soci del Thomastown. Per quelli del Fawkner, che hanno ovviamente approvato la proposta, non c'è alcunché da preoccuparsi perché naturalmente si sentono la classe privilegiata. Alla fine dei conti i soci di tutte due i club sono tutti italiani, vivono nella stessa zona di Melbourne ed hanno la stessa passione e lo stesso impegno personale per il calcio, quindi hanno in comune molte cose importanti a doverli portare assieme in un periodo storico del calcio locale in cui l'unione fa quella forza essenziale per sopravvivere e per progredire. Le cose che li dividono sono molto meno importanti, come la rugine accumulata durante anni di sfida nella "Coppa Italia" e persone che, oltre naturalmente al timore dei soci del Thomastown che la loro sede, diventata un circolo sociale, sarà chiusa e che per farsi una chiacchierata e una partita a carte dovranno andare fino a Fawkner. Questo è un timore mal fondato che i dirigenti avrebbero dovuto risolvere: la sede del Thomastown potrà continuare a funzionare come è meglio, e adesso e che eventualmente la nuova sede del nuovo club sorgerebbe sulla Mahoneys Road e sarebbe perciò molto più conveniente per i soci di Thomastown che per quelli di Fawkner.

L'alternativa sarebbe che i due club rimarrebbero ognuno nei propri castelli a farsi guerra per un predominio che non varrà nemmeno la pena conquistare perché all'interno della nuova lega nazionale tutto il calcio locale sarà ben poca cosa nel futuro. Le possibilità del Fawkner di entrare nella lega nazionale il prossimo anno da sola sono molto modeste; quelle di guadagnarsi la promozione l'anno successivo ancora più remote. Da parte sua il Thomastown la lega nazionale la vedrà con il binocolo e sempre più distante con il passare degli anni. Assieme i due club avrebbero buone possibilità di essere accettati dal prossimo anno, oppure di meritarsi la promozione l'anno successivo. C'è da augurarsi quindi che ci sia una seconda considerazione con i soci del Thomastown, preparata e condotta con molto più buon senso, per mettere la proposta nella giusta luce e rassicurare che nessuno sarà ingoiato dall'altro.



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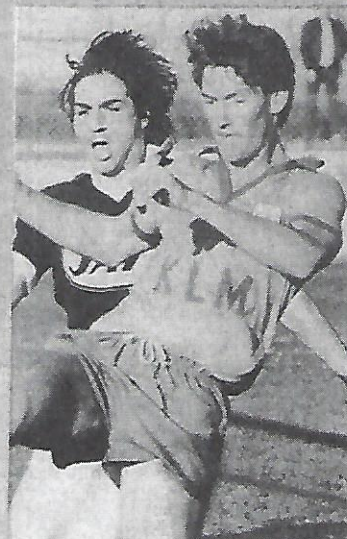


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